

Feedback

All Stakeholders at Dorothy I Height Elementary School are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback. For any part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/ School-Parent Compact, that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide suggestions and feedback. Please send those suggestions and/or feedback to the school office and/or Parent Contact Representative.

Thank you for your continued support!

Thank You!

Visit Our Parent Resource Center/Area

Our Parent Resource Center/Area has learning games, books, workbooks, and many other resources available for families to checkout or keep for use at home. Our Parent Contact is Ms. Barclift. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home. Our Parent Center/Area is located near the front office

Please contact Ms. Barclift for additional information about our Parent Resource Center, resources available for checkout, and volunteer opportunities.

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Muscogee County School District Mission

Our mission is to inspire and equip all students to achieve unlimited potential.

Muscogee County School District Vision

MCSD is a beacon of educational excellence where all are known, valued, and inspired.



Dorothy Height Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy & School-Parent Compact

2026-2027

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Our School Goals

Dorothy I. Height Elementary School will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

School's SMART Goals

Instructional Goal: By May 2029, at least 80% of students will increase their Lexile reading level by a minimum of 100 points.

Climate Goal: By May 2029, 70% of teachers will effectively implement the MTSS process with consistency.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Dorothy I. Height Elementary School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnership as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

The National PTA Standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Working Together To Ensure Success

Dorothy I. Height Elementary will...

- Work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and math.
- Establish open lines of communication with parents and keep parents informed on student's progress.
- Send home learning materials in reading and math for students to practice at home.

Our Motto: Every Student, Every Educator, Every Day!



As Students, we will...

- Set goals to succeed in school and reach for the stars in reading and math.
- Set goals to read each night for 30 minutes.
- Set goals to practice math facts each night at home to improve speed and accuracy with multiplication and division facts.
- Maintain positive behavior to accomplish academic goals.

As Families, we will...

- Parents will practice math facts with their child each night.
- Listen to their child read a story 3 times a week and ask questions about the story as they read.
- Help our children to see the importance of how good behavior helps to improve academic achievement.
- Practice math facts and work on math strategies each week to help their child improve on mathematics.
- Attend Reading and Math night with their child to learn new ways to support their child in reading and math.



District Goals

- By June 2031, Muscogee County School District will increase the percentage of students performing at or above grade-level readiness by 20 percentage points through the implementation of evidence-based instructional practices, targeted interventions, and ongoing progress monitoring across all schools.
- By June 2031, Muscogee County School District will reduce districtwide chronic absenteeism by a minimum of 20% from the established baseline year (2025–2026), as measured by official student attendance data reported through the state accountability system

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance: Dorothy I. Height Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents:

Curriculum Information: Inform parents throughout the year about what their child is learning by providing parent and family engagement meetings and workshops, parent-teacher conferences, information on Canvas, and on our school website.

Student Progress Monitoring: Ensure families are familiar with the online resource Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessments, course history, and much more. Monitoring student progress in school is an important way to be involved in their education.

Parent Resources: Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to checkout materials to assist them with helping their child at home. Resources are available in English and Spanish.

Staff Trainings: Conduct staff development quarterly on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.

Communication: Ensure schools publish all information related to school workshops, programs, meetings, and activities in both English and Spanish and communicated on a regular basis.

Transition Support: Partner with early childhood programs, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, college and career organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare families and their children for successful school transitioning.

Communication

Dorothy I. Height Elementary is committed to keeping open lines of communication with families. We have several ways to communicate. We utilize two-way communication through the school website, email, phone calls, parent conferences, social media, Infinite Campus and Canvas to reach our students and families.

Dorothy I. Height Elementary will also provide materials at conferences and workshops to help parents work with their children at home. Parents can request additional conferences by contacting the school or their child's teacher. Transportation and childcare may also be offered for parents to prevent barriers to family engagement. For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, family engagement correspondence and activities will be mailed to each facility where students reside. If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact the school at (706) 683-8871. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Weekly homework folders
- Connect-Ed phone calls and/or text messages
- Updates on the school's website
- Parent Emails
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Follow us on Facebook

How is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact developed and revised?

Each Title I school will conduct a yearly annual meeting to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact. Each school will invite all families to provide input on revisions to the policy/compact. Families are welcome to provide input throughout the year via feedback forms, emails, comments, or telephone. The revised policy/compact will be available throughout the year in our parent resource area and on our school website.

Where is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact available and who is it for?

The Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact and all other Title I information is designated for all families and is available on our school's website under the Parent Tab. Families can also find paper copies of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact in our Parent Center/Area and at Parent and Family Engagement meetings. All families at Dorothy I. Height Elementary are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities as described in our Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. Dorothy I. Height Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.



What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Dorothy I. Height Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Dorothy I. Height Elementary values the contributions and involvement of families in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent and family engagement and how families are encouraged to be full partners in the decision-making of their child's education.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is a written agreement that outlines how our school, our students, and our families will work together to ensure the academic success of all students. An effective School-Parent Compact contains the following elements:

- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our annual review meeting
- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Review and revise the School-Parent Compact at meetings and workshops throughout the year to assure we are diligent in our efforts to support academic success for all students.

What is Title I?

Dorothy I. Height Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement. Parents and family members of children receiving services shall be involved in the decisions regarding how funds reserved are allotted for parent and family engagement activities and resources.

Building Partnerships

Dorothy I. Height Elementary collaborates with families and community partners to provide multiple workshops and trainings at various times that meet the needs of the parents and support Parent and Family Engagement at the school. We will offer the following activities to build our partnership with families:

- Annual Title I Parent Meeting - To inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights under Title I.
- Parent and Family Engagement/School-Parent Compact Review Meeting
- Reading and Literacy Meeting
- Technology Meeting
- Georgia Milestones Meeting
- Transition Meetings
- Additional Activities To Build Parent Capacity

Please visit our website regularly and check emails/notifications to learn about dates, times and other details about upcoming events.

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