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PEPPERELL PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY



What is Title I?

Pepperell Primary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parent and Family Engagement Policy.



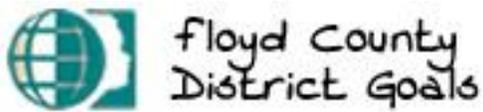
School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Pepperell Primary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Pepperell Primary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Pepperell Primary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Pepperell Primary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time. All parents are invited to participate in a review and revision of this policy, the school wide plan and the compact in the spring. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent engagement.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Pepperell Primary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, a copy of the plan will be sent home to all parents. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan on the school website or by requesting a copy from the school front office.



The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district overarching goal for 2017-2018 is: **Floyd County Schools are committed to placing emphasis on literacy and closing the achievement gap with 65% of students meeting or exceeding on the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) growth indicator. FCS will continue Destination Graduation for every child.**



Pepperell Primary School administrators and teachers have examined student performance data to determine the most important areas of improvement for our school.

Our Pepperell Primary School Improvement Plan addresses our goals and action plan in the following areas:

- ✚ Pepperell Primary is committed to literacy and assisting our students in becoming proficient readers and writers.
- ✚ Provide daily foundational skills instruction in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics
- ✚ Provide phonological & phonemic awareness instruction in order to promote literacy

The Pepperell Primary School Improvement Plan can be accessed at www.pepperellprimary.com, the district website and from the school.



Let's Get Together!

Pepperell Primary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Back-To-School Night/Open House—5:00 – 6:30 on Monday, July 31, 2017.

- ✚ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff.

Annual Title I Meeting – September 11, 2017 @ 6pm on the school campus

- ✚ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school-wide plan and the school-parent compacts. Invitations will be posted in the school newsletter, on the school website, and via School Call.

Pre-K Conferences:

- ✚ Pre-K will host 3 Pre-Grad meeting opportunities this year. These nights allow parents and teachers to come together for academic updates and parents will create and support an academic goal for their child.
- ✚ Pre-Grad Nights:
 - August 7th, 2017 @ 5:30pm
 - December 7th, 2017 @ 6:00pm
 - May 10th, 2018 @ 6:00pm

Kindergarten Conferences:

- ✚ Kindergarten will be implementing Title 1 supported conference events. The APTT model will be used to support parent engagement and target academic growth for each child. APTT stands for Academic Parent Teacher Team. We know that both teachers and parents are committed to supporting academic success for every child. Kindergarten APTT Nights:
 - September 21, 2017 @ 5:00pm
 - January 25, 2018 @ 5:00pm
 - April 12, 2018 @ 5:00pm

First and Second Grade Conferences:

- ✚ Our first and second grade teachers will continue to have both fall and spring conferences. Pepperell Primary teachers are committed to communicating and connecting with parents throughout the year.
 - October: fall conference
 - March: spring conference
 - Additional conferences as requested/needed

English Learner Parent Night – September, January, and May

- ✚ This opportunity is provided to EL parents to provide additional support for academic achievement.

Revision Meeting – May 2018

- ✚ This meeting will allow parents and stakeholders an opportunity to provide input on the 2018-2019 compact/policy.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Pepperell Primary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together explaining how parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.



Pepperell Primary: Where School and Community are One!

Pepperell Primary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will...

- ✘ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is available in both English, Spanish, and included in the school newsletter, school website, and/or by a school call.
- ✘ Provide staff development on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for communicating and building partnerships with parents.
- ✘ Partner with Bright from the Start programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✘ Share information in multiple languages as needed in the school newsletter and classroom memos as well as parent conferences. This allows parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the way parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✘ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities through the use of phone messages, social media, website, and fliers.
- ✘ Survey parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations on the importance of parent engagement.
- ✘ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✘ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✘ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments. Go to pepperellprimary.com and then "Parent Center" to leave feedback. You may also leave any written comment at our school office.



Parent Involvement

Pepperell Primary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

-  That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
-  That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
-  That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
-  The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Parent Involvement Standards

Georgia Department of Education Information for Parents Website:

<http://bit.ly/gadoeparentinformation>

Georgia Department of Education wants to encourage families to realize the benefits of parental involvement and take advantage of information available that leads to the academic success of children. The goals are to enhance the abilities of parents across the state to participate effectively in their children's education, and to improve student achievement through expanded and effective use of parental involvement programs.



Connect with Us!

Pepperell Primary invites all parents to join us in sharing ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions to School Administration or Staff or any member of the Local School Governance Team. We encourage all parents to complete annual parent surveys to provide input into school programs. If you would like to learn more about how you can be involved at Pepperell Primary please contact **Carmen Jones, Principal, at 706-236-1835** or e-mail to cjones@floydboe.net.

Stay Connected With Us!

Here are ways to stay informed about our school:

- Complete the online parent survey at www.pepperellprimary.com (Parent Center Section)
- Attend Conference Nights or conference dates set up by your child's classroom teacher.
- Attend Local School Governance Team monthly meetings
- Log on to our school website (www.pepperellprimary.com)
- Look for school wide monthly newsletters and weekly newsletter from the child's teacher