

**Atha Road Elementary School
Family Engagement Plan
2016-2017 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Atha Road Elementary 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 parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Atha Road Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. ARES 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 ARES 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? Atha Road Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. 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 online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. All of our parents are also invited to our parent involvement meetings throughout the school year. We make revisions to the plan yearly.

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. Atha Road Elementary 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, the plan is distributed to all of the students. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center which is in our Media Center. It is also available online.

Walton County Schools District 2016-17 Goals

1. The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones ELA assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017.
2. The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones mathematics assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017.
3. The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones science assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017.
4. The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones social studies assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017.

School-Parent Compacts

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



Let's Get Together!

Atha Road Elementary 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.

Open House – August 1, 2016

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year

Parent Involvement Meetings – Aug. 25, 2016; Nov. 15, 2016; Feb. 9, 2017 and May 3, 2017

- ✓ Meet and discuss factors and events directly related to our school

PTO Meetings/Student Presentations– Sept. 1 2016; Oct. 4, 2016; Jan. 24, 2017; and Feb. 28, 2017

- ✓ Meet and discuss factors and events directly related to our school

Title I Parent Annual Meeting – September 1, 2016

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements. Meeting notices will be displayed on the school marquee, school website and Facebook page and flyers will be sent home. It will also be posted in the school and classroom newsletters and a calling post will go out.

Curriculum Night –September 1, 2016

- ✓ See what your children will be learning about all year and receive updates on our new assessments.

Family Literacy Night– October 4, 2016

- ✓ Learn reading strategies to boost your child's love for reading.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Oct., 2016 and Mar., 2017

- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress
- ✓ Conferences may be scheduled as needed by parents, teachers, or administration

Math and Science Night – January 24, 2017

- ✓ Discover fun and exciting ways to support your child in math and science

GA Milestones Night– February 28, 2017

- ✓ Learn about the GA Milestone test for Grades 3-5
- ✓ Discover ways to help your child prepare for the GA Milestone

Parent Appreciation – May, 2017

- ✓ A celebration of parent engagement and the recognition of parental involvement impact on school and student success

Parental Involvement

Atha Road Elementary 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.

Atha Road Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.



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Atha Road Elementary is Branching Out!

Atha Road Elementary 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 published in English (Spanish is available upon request), and posted on the school website, weekly classroom newsletters, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Review parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents at faculty meetings throughout the year.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition and with Youth Middle School to help prepare parents and their child for middle school and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English (Spanish is available upon request) during curriculum nights, at parent conferences, on the school website, in the school newsletter and in the Parent Resource Center for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways 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, such as school marquee, phone messages, social media, flyers, classroom newsletters, school websites, and annual calendar.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ 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.
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Parent Involvement Standards

Atha Road Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These 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

Atha Road Elementary invites all parents to attend our Parent Involvement Meetings. We welcome your ideas and want to strengthen the partnerships between our school, our families, and the community. We meet four times during the school year, but you are welcome to submit your ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and our website.

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 in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office or turn in to your child's teacher.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Feedback:

