***Harmony Elementary School Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success***

***2018-2019 School Year***

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***Harmony Elementary School***

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**What is Title I?**

Harmony 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 family engagement policy.

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

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

**How is it developed?** Harmony Elementary School welcomes family/parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All family/parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for families/parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by hard copy to ask family/parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family/parent involvement. Families/parents can also provide feedback during our Open House event, our Curriculum Night, and our Quarterly Title I Meetings throughout the upcoming school year.

**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. Harmony Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of families/parents with limited English, families/parents with disabilities and families/parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?** At the beginning of the year, the plan is offered to all families/parents at our Open House event held prior to the first day of school. Families/parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center and in the front office.



**Academic Goals**

**Harmony Elementary School Performance Targets by Spring 2018:**

**60% of students in grades 3-5 will score at the Developing Learner or above on Georgia Milestones English Language Arts EOG Georgia Milestones Assessment improving from current 2017 weighted percentage of 59%.**

**65% of students in grades 3-5 will score at the Developing Learner or above on Georgia Milestones mathematics EOG Georgia Assessment improving from current 2017 weighted percentage of 62%.**

**School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Harmony 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 Open House, Curriculum Night, and any other event held for parents. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child’s teacher if parents need a copy.

 **Let’s Get Together!**Harmony 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.

* **District Title I/CLIP Parent Meeting – TBA BOE Training Room I and II (All families/parents and stakeholders invited)**

The Walton County School district will host a meeting to allow input on the education decisions, Strategic/Comprehensive LEA Implementation Plan, Strategic Waiver School System (SWSS), District Parental Involvement Plan, and funding sources for all federal programs in our schools.

* **Open House – July 31, 2017 4 - 6 pm** (**All families/parents and stakeholders invited**)

Meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Opportunity for feedback from parents and all stakeholders on Parent Involvement Plan and Home-School Compact for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

* **Title I/SIP/SWP – August 24, 2017 6 – 7 pm** (**All families/parents and stakeholders invited**)Parents and stakeholders come and help us make the final changes to the Parent Involvement Policy and Home-School Compact for the 2017 – 2018 school year. We will go over the SIP and SWP along with information on data from GA Milestone Testing. Survey results will be visited again for final review.
* **Curriculum Night – Annual Title I Family/Parent Meeting – September 7, 2017 5:30– 6:30 pm** (**All families/parents and stakeholders invited**)

Join us for our Annual Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents’ requirements. Invitations will be posted in the school newsletter, school website, marque and school wide call out.

* **Title I Parent Meeting - January 25, 2018 6 – 7 pm** (**All families/parents and stakeholders invited**)

Help us review and give feedback on revisions to be considered for the 2018-2019 Title I School-Parent Compact and the 2018-2019 Title I Parent Involvement Plan. Receive a 2017-2018 Title I Budget Update.

**District Title I/CLIP Parent Meeting – March 2018 (TBA) BOE Training Room I and II (All family/parents and stakeholders invited)**

The Walton County School district will host a meeting to allow input on the education decisions, Strategic/Comprehensive LEA Implementation Plan, Strategic Waiver School System (SWSS), District Parental Involvement Plan, and funding sources for all federal programs in our schools.

* **Title I Parent Meeting - TBA May 2018** (**All family/parents and stakeholders invited**)

We will have survey results to help us finalize revisions for the 2018-2019 Title I School-Parent Compact and the 2018-2019 Title I Family Engagement Plan.

**Family/Parent Engagement**

Harmony Elementary believes that family /parent engagement means the participation of families/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.

**Support for our Families/Parents**

Harmony Elementary is committed to helping our families/parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Donna M. Hawk, District Title I Parent Coordinator at (770) 266-4530

donna.hawk@walton.k12.ga.us

**Harmony Elementary is Branching Out!**

Harmony 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 family/parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents. These events will also be listed in our HES Calendar of Events that is updated for families/parents throughout the year.
* Review family involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with families/parents, business community and conduct staff development on family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
* Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs to share school information about family engagement activities that will help prepare families/parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
* Share information in English and Spanish in the school newsletter and school website for families/ parents to understand the school’s academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families/ 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 phone messages, notes in the agenda, placing events on the school’s marquee sign, publishing reminders of upcoming events in Friday Folders, posting events on the school’s website, and updating events and posting the HES Calendar of Events in the front office, on the website, and at the Family Engagement Resource Center.
* Work with our families/parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of family engagement.
* Provide necessary materials for families/parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help families/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’s family engagement plan and activities.
* Offer families/parent classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.
* Listen and respond to families/parents’ requests for additional support for family engagement activities.

 

**Student Achievement**

**Family Engagement Standards**

**Harmony Elementary and our families/ 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**

**Title I Family Engagement Meetings**

Harmony Elementary invites all families/

parents to join us for our Title I Family Engagement Meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other families/parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The meetings will meet four times during the school year, but families/parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I Family Engagement Meetings, please contact, Dr. Griffieth, the principal at (770) 267-6574 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Front Office.

**Title I Family Engagement Meetings**

* Yes, I am excited about attending the Title I Family Engagement Meetings
* Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Title I Family Engagement Meetings
* Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

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**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:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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