

Annistown Elementary School

Parent Involvement Policy

2016-2017 School Year



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What is Title I?

Annistown 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 reinforcing and enhancing 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? In order to create an equal partnership between the school and parents to improve student academic achievement, the school and parents will jointly create a parental involvement policy. The policy establishes the school's expectations for parental involvement and outlines how the school will implement various activities to support family engagement and promote student learning.

How is it developed and revised?

At the beginning of the 2016 - 2017 school year, Annistown's Parent Coordinator invited all parents, Annistown staff, and other stakeholders to participate in the Title I Planning Meeting. During this meeting, participants reviewed, provided input, and suggested revisions to jointly develop Annistown's Parent Involvement Policy, the School-Parent Compact, Family Engagement Calendar of Events, the Title I Budget/funding priorities, and Title I Schoolwide Plan. In order to improve our Parent Involvement program - all stakeholders had the opportunity to comment, make suggestions and provide feedback through both the Planning Meeting and a subsequent document period. All comments and feedback were reviewed and used to develop our documents and Title I Schoolwide Program. Additionally, parents have the opportunity to provide input regarding their child's education during our Title I Planning Meeting, Parent-Teacher conferences, and other school meetings such as IEP Meetings, Local School Council, PTA Meetings, and SST Meetings. Our Parent Involvement Policy is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Title I Planning Meeting. All feedback forms from the Title I Planning meeting are submitted to the Title I Office for review.

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 policy. Annistown Elementary School will provide as many opportunities as possible for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Information will be provided in a family friendly language and format.

Where is it available?

Information about Annistown's Title I Program will be shared with parents during the Annual Title I Parent meetings in September, and new Title I information will be placed on the school's website as updates occur. Information about all documents will be provided through parent meetings, parent-teacher conferences, parent workshops, Local School Council meetings, teachers, administrators, Parent Center Newsletter, PTA newsletter, Annistown Elementary School's web page, Annistown's eCLASS page, and programmed phone messages. Information regarding the Local School Plan for Improvement/Title I Schoolwide Plan as well as copies of parent involvement documents will be available, to parents and community members, in the Parent Center, Annistown's eCLASS page, and Annistown's Webpage, for review. All Title I documents are disseminated at the beginning of the school year to all families and will be provided to families new to Annistown during registration.

2016-2017 Goals of Gwinnett County Public Schools:

Language Arts: All students will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

Math: Students are not only expected to become proficient in appropriate computational skills, but also to be actively involved in constructing and applying mathematical ideas.

Science: Students will develop a strong content understanding in the earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Social Studies: Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context.

2016-2017 Goals of Annistown Elementary School

Language Arts: Annistown Elementary will increase the percentage of students scoring Proficient/Distinguished on the Language Arts SPG and DA's. Annistown will focus on reading comprehension and writing for understanding across all content areas.

Math: Annistown Elementary will increase the percentage of students scoring Proficient/Distinguished on the Math SPG and DA's.

School – Parent Compacts

Annistown Elementary collaborated with parents to jointly develop a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and explains how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

During the Title I Planning Meeting, parents and staff jointly reviewed the Compact, made suggestions, and revised the compact. Annistown will focus on students' literacy by placing an emphasis on reading comprehension and writing for understanding across all content areas. Annistown will also focus on numeracy by stressing the importance of problem solving skills in math.

Let's Get Together! / Involvement Matters!

Annistown 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:

Title I Planning Meeting – August 17, 2016 – 7:45 a.m.

- Come help us review and revise the Title I Documents and plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

Title I Document Review – August 25, 2016 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

- An additional opportunity to provide input on the Title I Documents and plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

Curriculum Night – August 25, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

- Meet your child's teacher and other staff members as you learn what's expected of your student during the school year

Newcomer's Breakfast – August 28, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

- Important information is shared with parents new to Annistown

Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September 22, 2016 (6:00 p.m.) & September 27, 2016 (8:00 a.m.)

- Learn about the Title I Program including our Parent Involvement Policy, School-Parent Compact, Family Engagement Calendar of Events, and the Local School Plan for Improvement/Title I Schoolwide Plan

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences – September 28, 2016 & September 29, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

- Teacher's will discuss student's progress and upcoming AKS to be taught

Literacy Make & Take – October 20, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

- Learn the Literacy Core Curriculum and learn fun and innovative strategies to help improve literacy

Literacy Night – October 27, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

- Family fun evening of learning about the types of Literacy children are learning in school

Technology Night – November 15, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

- Come learn how to access and explore the Parent Portal and learn of ways to help your child through technology

Make & Take Workshop – January 19, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

- Learn creative ways of teaching math as math games are made

Math/Science Night – January 26, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

- Family fun filled night of learning about the math & science curriculum.

Georgia Milestone Testing Workshop – February 16, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

- Learn about testing requirements and tips and strategies to help prepare students for the Georgia Milestone

Kindergarten Transition Workshop – April 13, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

- Parents of new kindergarten parents will learn about the curriculum and academic strategies to help students be successful

Please join us for District Title I Parent Meetings:

September 20, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.—Location Instructional Support Center

September 22, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.—Location Discover High School

September 23, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m. * Webinar

April 11, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m. —Location Instructional Support Center

April 13, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. —Location Moore Middle School

April 14, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m. * Webinar

Parental Involvement

Annistown Elementary believes that parents are full partners in their child's education. Parents play an integral role in assisting with their child's learning. Parental involvement means active participation in school events. The school may take the following actions to provide parents with support:

- Offer a flexible number of meetings at convenient times
- May provide transportation and/or child care as such services relate to parental involvement
- Provide opportunities for regular meetings requested by parents to participate in two-way communication relating to the education of their child such as the Title I Planning Meeting, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Annual Title I Parent Meetings, SST Meetings, Parent Workshops, Newsletters, Email, Friday Folders, and automated phone notifications/school messages.

Parent Center

Location: 1.134 (4th grade hall)

Please visit our Parent Center to check out books and study materials to use at home with your child. A computer station is available where parents can explore the Parent Portal, eCLASS, and other educational resources.

Contact Information:
Beverly Barber, PIC
(770) 736-4488

beverly_barber@gwinnett.k12.ga.us
Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Annistown Elementary School – Parents as Partners

Annistown 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:

Provide parents with program information, assistance in understanding state and local academic standards and assessments, how to monitor their child's progress and how to work with educators such as -

- Conducting an Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- Hosting Parent Technology Workshops to access the Parent Portal, eCLASS, and other academic websites and online resources
- Hosting Georgia Milestones Testing Workshop
- Providing informational resources in the Parent Center

Provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement such as -

- Provide informational brochures, online resources, and other materials for parents to use at home
- Host Parent Workshops in all core content areas to provide effective instructional strategies to use at home
- Individualized conferences with the Parent Instructional Coordinator to learn about various resources and strategies to use at home
- Additional workshops/training will be provided as requested by parents

Provide training for teachers and staff on effective communication strategies and how to work with parents as equal partners by

- Providing ongoing staff training on parental engagement and effective communication during faculty meetings and other common meeting opportunities
- Providing literature and resources pertaining to Title I and parental engagement periodically throughout the school year
- Parent input and feedback will be considered when planning the staff training

Provide parents and students support in transitioning to kindergarten by offering a workshop to parents in the spring that will provide learning activities and strategies to help them prepare their children for Kindergarten. The Parent Instructional Coordinator (PIC), to the extent feasible and appropriate, will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with:

- Parents of currently enrolled kindergartners
- Parents of rising kindergarten students
- Head Start and other Local Child Development Centers with rising kindergarten students
- Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Students
- Parents of newly enrolled Kindergartners will be invited to participate in the Newcomers Breakfast in the fall & winter
- Parent engagement tips will be sent to parents on a monthly basis

Communicate with parents in a family friendly format by providing information about programs, meetings, and other activities in a language parents understand. Annistown will also communicate other activities through parent-teacher conferences, Friday folders, flyers, newsletters, Title I literature, parent-teacher handbooks, progress reports, phone calls, automated phone message system, school website, school marquee, and email. The Parent Instructional Coordinator, throughout the year, will send out newsletters and other forms of communication encouraging parents to volunteer, and attend workshops, and to become actively involved in the ongoing programs offered at Annistown as we continue to promote excellence. Opportunities for involvement of all parents regardless of language, physical disability, or migratory status will be provided.

Provide other reasonable support as requested by parents:

- Pay for child care so parents can participate in school meetings and trainings
- Provide literacy training for parents
- Arrange school meetings at different times of the day
- Collaborate with community leaders and partners in education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities. Annistown will invite business partners to periodically participate in school programs, facilitate parent workshops, and host school activities for all stakeholders.