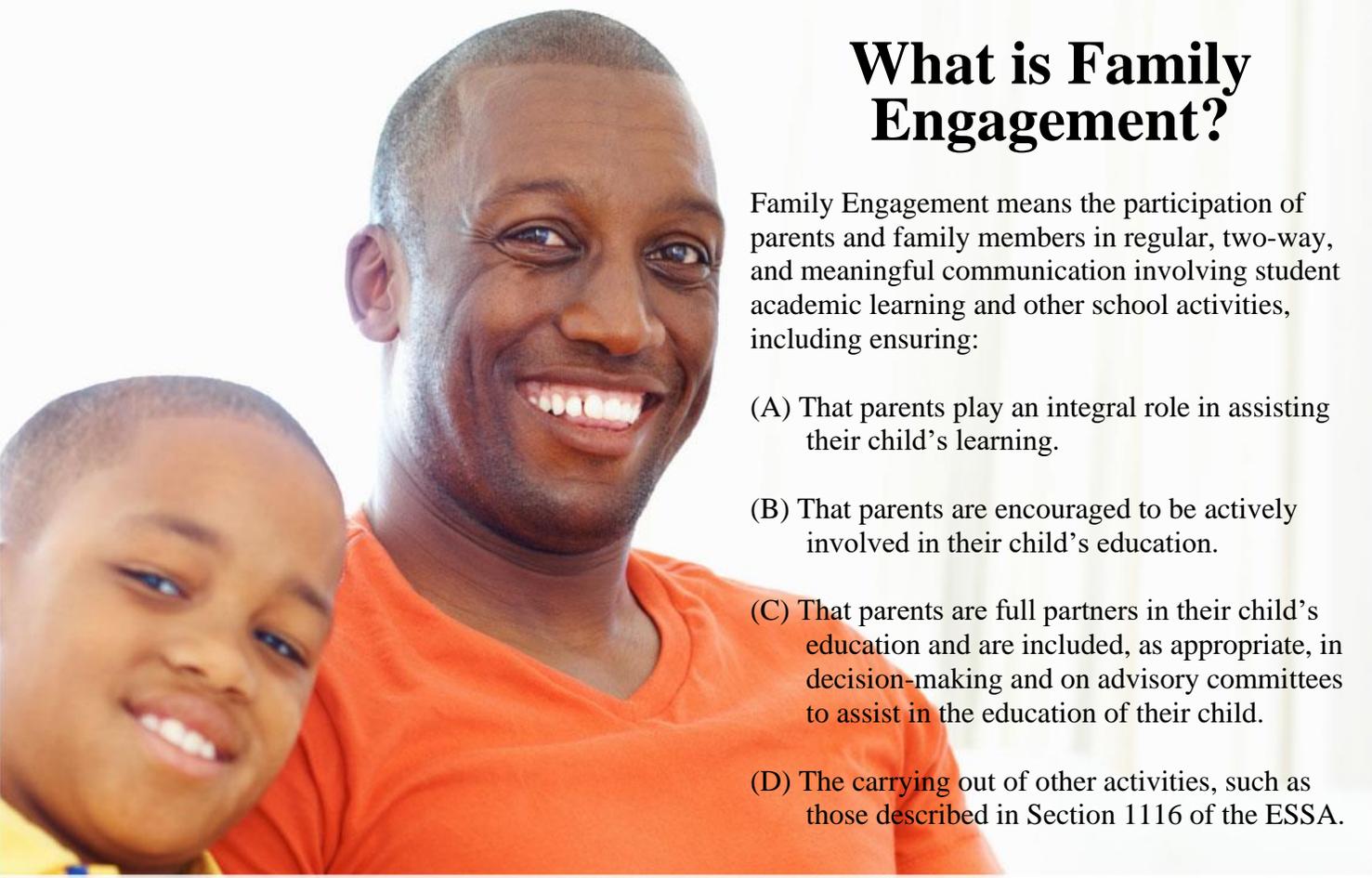


Coastal Plain Education Charter High School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
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What is Family Engagement?

Family Engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- (B) That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- (C) 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.
- (D) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA.

About the Parent and Family Engagement Plan

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Coastal Plains Education Charter High School has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes the expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in the Title I program. This plan will describe Coastal Plains' commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I program to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive family engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve parents and family members in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1116, Coastal Plains, a Title I school, will ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement policies meet the requirements of Section 1116(b) and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with Section 1116(d) of the ESSA.

Jointly Developed

All parents are invited to a spring planning meeting at each site to participate and provide suggestions and ideas to improve the district parent and family engagement policy and the Comprehensive LEA Implementation Plan (CLIP). The sites invite parents in multiple ways. Additionally, Coastal Plains' Local Governance Board reviews and provides input on the parent and family engagement plan and CLIP. All parents and community members are invited to provide electronic input on the revised parent and family engagement plan and CLIP.

Upon final revision, the parent and family engagement policy is incorporated into the CLIP which is submitted to the state. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan at any time on the Coastal Plains website or by submitting written comments to the Site Director.

The parent and family engagement plan is posted on the Coastal Plains website, distributed during the annual Title I school meetings, and made available at each site.

Strengthening Our School

This year, the Federal Programs Coordinator (FPC) will provide assistance and support to ensure family

engagement requirements are being satisfied and that family engagement strategies and activities are being implemented. Each site will receive notifications and resources from the FPC to help them improve and strengthen family engagement. In addition to frequent communication and site visits, the FPC will hold trainings at quarterly staff meetings to review family engagement plans and activities with Coastal Plains staff.

Reservation of Funds

Coastal Plains receives a small allocation of Title I funds and does not have to reserve funds specifically to carry out the parent and family engagement requirements listed in this plan and as described in Section 1116 of the ESSA. However, Coastal Plains will support family engagement programs and activities. Coastal Plains will also provide clear guidance and communication to assist each site and will develop an adequate family engagement budget that addresses the needs assessment and parent recommendations.

Each Coastal Plains site will host a spring planning meeting in May for parents to provide suggestions on how these family engagement funds will be used in the upcoming year. Comments and minutes from these meetings will be reviewed by the FPC to determine areas of need for the upcoming school year and consider changes to the family engagement budget.

Communications

Coastal Plains staff will communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone and text messages, emails, and flyers. Face to face meetings are also acceptable when appropriate. Each Coastal Plains site will share information in English and other languages to the extent possible through written communications, meetings, conferences, and family engagement events in order for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.





Opportunities for Meaningful Parent Consultation

Input and suggestions from parents and family members are an essential component of the improvement plans that are developed each year. All parents of students eligible to receive Title I services are invited to attend two meeting opportunities described in this section to share their ideas and suggestions to help the district, sites, and students to reach our student academic achievement goals.

Spring planning meetings at each site

Each Coastal Plains site will host a spring planning meeting for parents and family members to participate in discussions to review the schoolwide plan, the parent and family engagement policies as well as provide input on the family engagement budget and programs. Each Coastal Plains site will send invitations home and email and text parents notifying them about the date and time of the meeting. Information regarding the spring planning meetings will also be made available on the Coastal Plains Charter High School website.

Electronic Input – June, July

All parents and community members will be invited to provide electronic input on the revised district parent and family engagement policy and the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Notices regarding this input opportunity will be sent to all parents and listed on the website.

Parent input on the use of Title I funds to support family engagement programs may also be provided through the annual Title I parent survey. The survey will contain questions related to the family engagement budget as well as a section for parents to provide their comments.

Unable to attend these meetings? Please visit www.coastalplainscharter.org to review the meeting documents and provide input via e-mail.

Building Capacity

Coastal Plains Charter High School will build the sites' and parents' capacity for strong family engagement, to ensure effective involvement of parents and family members and to support a partnership among the Title I program, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following activities and programs.

Of Parents – Coastal Plains will work through its Title I program to provide assistance to parents in understanding state and district academic information connected to their student's learning and progress, as well as information regarding the Title I program. Coastal Plains will provide parent workshops and meetings for parents to gain knowledge about the challenging state academic standards, local academic assessments, as well as the required assessments for Georgia students including alternative forms of assessment. The dates and locations for these workshops and meetings will be posted on the website and shared through electronic alerts such as e-mail and Remind 101.

Coastal Plains will also coordinate pages on the website that will contain resources and materials, including parent guides, study guides, and practice assessments, to help parents work with their children at home. Copies of these materials will be made available at each site for those families who may have limited internet access, including copies in Spanish. Social media will be used to share information and resources with parents. To assist parents with understanding the online student information system and other digital educational resources (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), Coastal Plains will host workshops for parents. Dates and times for these workshops will be determined and announced by each Coastal Plains site.

Coastal Plains has an established Local Governance Board comprised of parent representatives and community/business members to provide advice on all matters related to family engagement in Title I, Part A programs. Coastal Plains encourages collaboration and participation with community partners by posting governance board meeting minutes and other district meetings on the website.

Of School Staff – Coastal Plains will conduct trainings during the school year for Site Directors and staff to learn and discuss strategies to increase family engagement, improve school-family communication, and build ties with parents and the community. These trainings will be redelivered to the faculty and staff of each Coastal Plains site. Coastal Plains will also host a training for appropriate staff and faculty that will focus on creating welcoming environments and improving two-way communication with families.

To ensure that information related to district, site, parent programs, and activities is available to all parents, Coastal Plains is required to send home and post online information for parents and family members in an understandable language and uniform format. At the beginning of the year, staff will be trained on parent notifications and resources to be sent home in parents' native language, where applicable, and provide interpreters at parent events. Information posted on the website will be translated to the extent practicable. Coastal Plains will also utilize school phone call systems, the website, local news media, social media and other school message systems to post information for parents.

Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation

Each year, Coastal Plains will conduct an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent and family engagement policy and the family engagement activities to improve the academic quality of the Title I program through an annual parent survey and the spring planning meetings.

Beginning in February, Coastal Plains will send home a survey and email a link to the survey for parents to provide valuable feedback regarding the parent and family engagement activities and programs. These surveys will also be posted on the district and school

websites for parents to complete. In addition to the annual survey, each Coastal Plains site will use the spring planning meetings to facilitate group discussions around the needs identified by parents of children eligible to receive Title I services to design strategies for more effective family engagement.

Coastal Plains will use the findings from the spring planning meetings and the survey results to design strategies to improve effective family engagement, to remove possible barriers to parent participation, and to revise its parent and family engagement policies.

Accessibility

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements established by Section 1116 of the ESSA, the district FPC will communicate and collaborate with district office personnel to ensure full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

Mark Your Calendars

For Parents

Annual Parent Survey
February 2021

Spring Planning Meetings
April-May 2021
Local Coastal Plains sites

Electronic Input Opportunity -
March-May 2021

For Sites

Staff Meetings
Quarterly trainings
Electronic Communications

*** Note all dates are subject to change based on regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. ***

Adoption

This parent and family engagement plan has been developed jointly and agreed upon with parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs as evidenced by the collaboration of parents, school, and district personnel at spring planning meetings and the annual electronic input opportunity.

This plan will be in effect for the 2020-2021 academic school year. Coastal Plains will distribute this policy in multiple ways to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 1, 2020.

Site Locations

Camden Campus
6300 Laurel Island Parkway
Kingsland, GA 31548
912-510-2100

Candler Campus
210 South College Street
Metter, GA. 30439
912-685-5713 ext. 0587

Coffee Campus
706 West Baker Highway
Douglas, GA 31533
912-389-6534

Colquitt Campus
105 Darbyshire Rd.
Norman Park, GA 31771
229-890-6141 ext. 23820

Evans Campus - Satellite
102 North Clark Street
Claxton, GA 30417
912-739-0214

Glynn Campus
Risley Annex
2900 Albany Street
Brunswick, GA. 31520
912-280-6777

Grady Campus - Satellite
Cairo High School
455 5th Street SE
Cairo, Ga. 39828

Jeff Davis Campus
Jeff Davis Choices Academy
Building
96 West Jefferson Street
Hazlehurst, GA 31539
912-699-1310

Liberty Campus
212 School House Road
Hinesville, GA 31313
912-877-6766

Long Campus - Satellite
116 Main Street Ext. SW
Ludowici, GA. 31316
912-545-7854

Lowndes Campus
Parker Mathis Learning Center
1500 Lankford Drive
Valdosta, GA. 31601-3517
229-316-8590

Screven Campus - Satellite
Screven County Cross Roads
611 Pine Street
Sylvania, GA 30467
912-451-2470

Vidalia Campus
Southeastern Early College and
Career Academy
413 Pete Phillips Drive
Vidalia, GA. 30474
912-538-3254

Wayne Campus
Thomas P. James Building
1365 West Orange Street
Jesup, GA. 31545
912-810-1854