

# Acworth Elementary School

## *Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success*

*2018–2019 School Year*

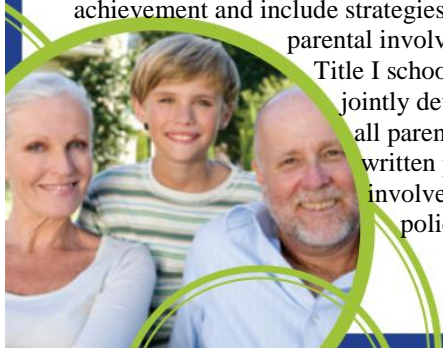
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### **What is Title I?**

Acworth 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 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 Acworth Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Acworth Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Acworth Elementary 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 revised?**

Acworth Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event.

### **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. Acworth 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?**

The Policy will be distributed during the Parent-Teacher Conference Week, October 15-19, 2018. The plan will also be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

## **2018-2019 District Goals**

Vary learning experiences to increase success in career paths.

Differentiate resources for areas/schools based on needs.

Develop stakeholder involvement to promote student success.

Recruit, hire, support, and retain employees for the highest level of excellence.

## **2018-2019 School Goals**

To increase the average lexile score for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students by 100 points as measured by pre and post RI mean score total during the 2018-2019 school year.

The number of students in grades 2-5 that meet and (or) exceed Touchstones expectations in science and math will increase by 15%.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Acworth Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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 the

Community Cares event and the School Forum.

The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

## **Let's Get Together!**

Acworth 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. For parents who are unable to attend meetings in person, recordings of the events will be made available through the links on the Title I page of the school's website.

### ***Annual Title I Meeting – August 23, 2018***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be mailed, and posted in the school newsletter and local media.

### ***Open House – August 23, 2018***

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

### ***Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 15 – 19, 2018***

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### ***Character Parade – October 26, 2018***

Students dress up as Literary Characters.

### ***Science Fair Info Night – November 13, 2018***

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents are given all information needed for this year's Science Fair project.

### ***STEM Day – November 14 & 15, 2018***

Students share their STEM Application Based Learning projects in the classroom.

### ***Science Fair Showcase – January 14, 2019***

Parents are invited to a night highlighting our students and the projects they have worked hard on this year. During the event, you will have the opportunity to interact with the students and find out more about their work.

### ***Multi-Cultural Night with McCall Primary – March 28, 2019***

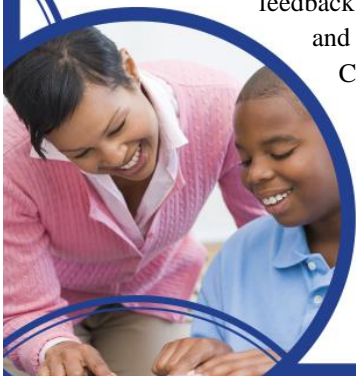
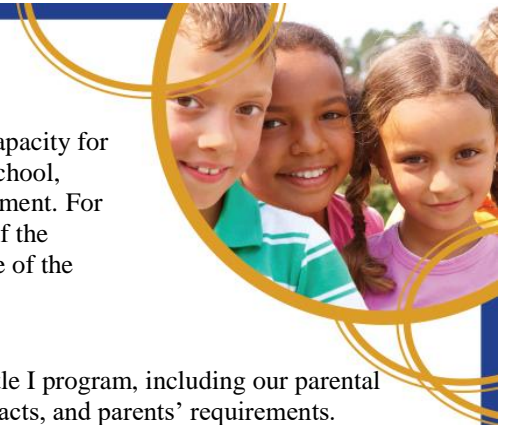
A Celebration of our multicultural diversity.

### ***McCall 1<sup>st</sup> graders and their parents visit Acworth – March 28, 2019***

McCall's 1<sup>st</sup> grade students and their families have the opportunity to tour the school, meet with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers and learn about Acworth's activities and expectations.

### ***Parent Input Meetings – October 16 & 17, 2018 & April 8, 2019***

A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent involvement policy, school-parent compacts and the parent involvement budget.



## Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center in room 204W. Check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:15am – 2:15 pm

## Parental Involvement

Acworth Elementary believes that parental 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.

Acworth Elementary is committed to helping our 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.

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## Acworth Elementary is Branching Out!

Acworth 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 both English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Provide training for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter 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 schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



## Parental Involvement Standards

Acworth 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

## School and Community Partnership

Our school builds ties between home and school by educating teachers, pupil services personnel, administration, and other staff by gathering input from parents on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal educational partners.

Our school enjoys partnerships with the local community. Some of our partners are: Acworth Business Association, Atlanta Budokan, Horace Mann, 3:16 Baseball, Old Castle PreCast, YMCA Northwest Cobb, Amec Engineering and Consulting, Publix on Baker Road, Stevie B's, The Flag Company, Waffle House, Dogwood Assisted Living, Destiny's Daughters of Promise, C&S Paving, Acworth Police Department and Monster Party Rental.

Our partners support our school by providing academic and financial support, as well as, materials and supplies.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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