**Garrett Elementary School**

***Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success***

*2025-2026 School Year*

*Garrett Elementary School*

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**What is Title I?**

 Garrett Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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

family engagement. All Title I   
 schools must jointly   
 develop with   
 parents and family

members a written  
 parent and family  
 engagement  
 policy.

School Plan for Shared

Student Achievement

**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Garrett Elementary will provide

opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning.

Garrett Elementary values the contributions and involvement of

parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common

goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that

Garrett Elementary will support family 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?**

Garrett Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement 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 website 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 to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. If the plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any comments to the district office.

**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. Garrett Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

**Where is it available?**

At the beginning of the year, the Richmond County Parent and Family Engagement Plan is included in the student code of conduct book that is given to all students. The Garrett Parent and Family Engagement Plan will also be posted on the school website and distributed at the Title I Annual Meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Garrett 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 compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, teachers and all other stakeholders.

**2025-2026 District Goals**

RCSS District Goals

During the 25-26 school year, we will increase student content mastery in tested subject areas on the Georgia Milestones by 6%.

During the 25-26 school year, we will increase post-high school readiness by increasing our graduation rate by 2%.

During 25-26, we will increase teacher and support staff

retention by 3% through consistent, meaningful employee

feedback and evaluations.

During the 25-26 school year, we will reduce chronic absenteeism by 3%.

During the 25-26 school year, we will improve the on-time delivery rate of student transportation services by 5%.

**2025-2026 School Goals**

By the end of the 2025-26 school year, at least 50% of K-2 students will be on or above grade level according to the EOY IReady reading and math diagnostic.

By the end of the 25-26 school year, we will increase ELA EOG from 24% Proficient or Distinguished to 30% Proficient or Distinguished for 3rd-5th.

By the end of the 25-26 school year, we will increase MATH EOG from 14% Proficient or Distinguished to 21.37% Proficient or Distinguished for 3rd-5th.

By EOY 2025-2026 school year, students’ emotional regulation will have a positive increase from 53% to 65% according to the Panorama Survey.

By the EOY 2025-2026, increase the number of Parent/Community events from 11 to 20 as measured by the school calendar, agendas, and sign-in sheets.

By EOY 2025-2026, increase the number of students absent less than 10% of days from 75.06% to 80% by monitoring attendance data.

The school-parent compacts are shared with parents during open house, the

Title I

Annual Meeting, online,

during parent-teacher conferences and in the parent resource center.

**Let’s Get Together!**

Garrett Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family members will be held during the day or in the early evening.

Open House- July 31, 2025 @ 12:00 PM

Registration, tour building. Meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting– September 25, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents’ requirements. Flyers will be posted around the school and sent home.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – September 15-October 10, 2025

Scheduled updates on your child’s progress.

PTO/Musical – December 16, 2025

Strengthening relationships between parents and GES. Christmas musical

***Mid-Year Honor’s Day-January 2026***

Student awards for academics, behavior and attendance for first semester.

Math & Science Night – February 2026

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child’s learning using math games, activities and demonstrations from the community.

Book Fair – February 2026

GMAS Milestones Information – March 2026

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

Parent-Teacher Conferences –February18-March 14, 2026

Scheduled updates on your child’s progress.

Honors Programs, Title I EOY – May 2026

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

**Garrett Elementary is Branching Out!**

Garrett Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 an understandable format and language and posted on the school website.
* Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
* Partner with early childhood programs*,* middle schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
* Share information for parents to understand the school’s curriculum, academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child’s progress and work with educators. Provide parents with individual student assessmen89t results and interpretation of those results.
* Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, the school website, and flyers.
* Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
* 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. These meetings

will be offered at various times (morning and evening) and in various formats.

* Offer Infinite Campus account set up and assistance with usage for parents and family members to monitor their student’s progress.
* Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events and post a survey on the school website in order to respond to parents’ requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Garrett Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call

us if you need assistance with

child care or transportation in order to

participate in our programs.

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Parent and Family Engagement

Garrett Elementary believes that 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:

* 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.

**Parent Resource Center**

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to 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, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

If you would like to learn more about the School Council, please contact the principal at (706) 737-7222 or complete the form and leave it in the Main Office.

School Council

Garrett Elementary invites all parents to join the School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website.

**Share Your Thoughts**

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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)

**School Council**

* Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Council.
* Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Council.
* Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name:

Child’s Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Garrett 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