

Diamond Lakes Elementary School Title I

*Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for
Shared Student Success
2024-2025 School Year*

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What is Title I?

Diamond Lakes Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of 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?

The purpose of parental involvement under Title I, Part A is to promote active involvement among local educational agencies (LEAs), administrators, school staff, parents, parental involvement coordinators or parent liaisons, community leaders, and other stakeholders working to improve student achievement and promote academic success. LEAs must ensure that strong strategies are in place to: Build capacity to involve parents/stakeholders in an effective partnership with the school. Share and support high student academic achievement.

This plan describes how Diamond Lakes Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Diamond Lakes Elementary values the contributions and engagement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Diamond Lakes Elementary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student growth and learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Diamond Lakes Elementary School invites all parents to attend our annual school meetings and trainings in the fall to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school wide plan, school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through parent surveys and comments. The plan is posted on our school's 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 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, workshops, and activities during the 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. Diamond Lakes 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?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will provide a hard copy to all parents in August during the scheduled open house event. We will also provide copies in the main office. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.



Diamond Lakes Elementary is Shining Bright!

Diamond Lakes 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:

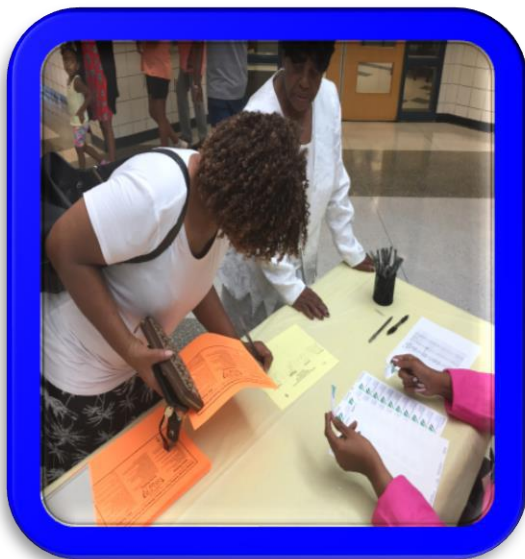
- ◆ Build partnerships with local organizations and businesses to provide additional resources and support for families.
- ◆ Provide resources and guidance to help parents support their children with homework and study habits.

Recognize and celebrate the contributions of parents through awards, public acknowledgments, and appreciation events.

- ◆ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the local web site, flyers, campus messenger, school electronic marquee, and included in the school newsletter for all parents.
- ◆ Provide materials and trainings to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology for Infinite Campus Parent Portal, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by inviting parents to use our parent resource room and encouraging parent conferences.
- ◆ Provide trainings 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.
- ◆ Collect feedback from parents at all events and place a suggestion box in the main office for parents in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities and other concerns.
- ◆ Provide parental involvement workshops, educating all faculty and staff members on how to effectively communicate and work with parents as equal partners. These workshops will serve as tools to form ties between all stakeholders.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Diamond Lakes 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 students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the various school events and the school meetings. The school- parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher or Parent Facilitator/Instructional Specialist, if parents need a copy.



Diamond Lakes Elementary School Parent Involvement Program and Activities

Diamond Lakes 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. All meetings for parents will be held during the day in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and in the evenings at 5:00 p.m. Specific dates will be announced at a later time.

Open House/Registration



We invite all parents and guardians to come meet the teachers and staff at Diamond Lakes. Open house will be held on August 1, 2024 from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

Annual Title 1 Meeting/Parent Night



Invite parents to a day of learning and sharing about our Title 1 program, including parental involvement policy, school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Flyers will go home with students and a reminder on shout point campus messenger as well as on our school webpage. Annual Title 1 Meeting will be held on September 24, 2024.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Training & Canvas Training



Educate Parents on how to monitor their child's progress.

Educate Parents, Volunteers, Mentors, and Tutors on assisting staff.

Thanksgiving Lunch Day



Parents/Guardians will come and eat with students and visit the parent resource room.

Bring a Veteran to School



Veterans will read to a class and share life experiences. They will eat lunch with students in the school cafeteria



Taste of the Holidays

Parents and Family will eat lunch with students and visit parent resource room to offer support on academics over the holidays.

Diamond Lakes Holiday Program

Students will perform a holiday celebration program for family and friends.

Black History Program

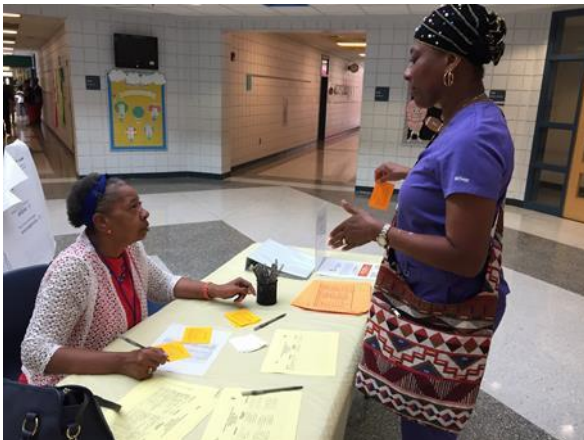
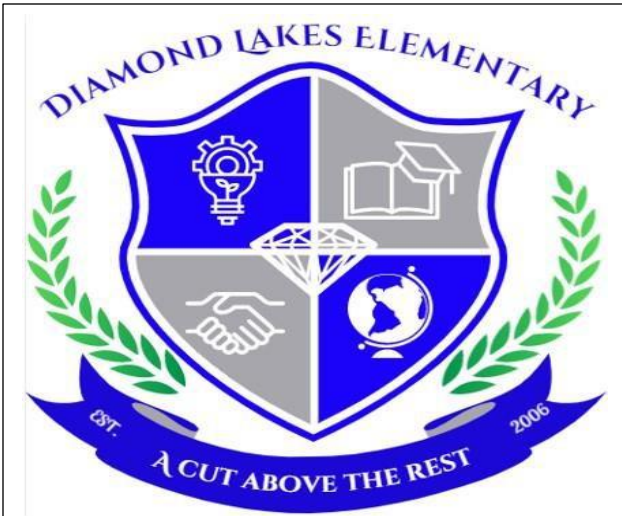
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School-Parent Compact, Survey, Policy, Budget Revision & Input Meeting

Diamond Lakes will receive feedback from parents, students, and teachers regarding the updated changes to the 2024-2025 School Parent Compact, Survey, Policy, and Budget.

Parent Teacher Organization: (PTO)

PTO stands for Parent Teacher Organization. **PTO** is a nonprofit group comprised of parents, teachers, and staff dedicated to improving the educational experience of all students at Diamond Lakes Elementary School. The **PTO** works closely with the school administration to meet school goals and support the school in numerous areas.



Parental Involvement

Diamond Lakes 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:

- The parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- The 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.

Tuesday, Thursday, every other Friday
8:00a.m. -2:00 p.m.

Parent Resource Room # 503G

Contact (Mr. Willis) 706-771-2881

2024-2025 District Goals

Goal 1:

During the 24-25 school year, we will increase student content mastery in tested subject areas on the Georgia Milestones by 5%.

Goal 2:

During the 24-25 school year, we will increase the number of highly effective teachers and leaders retained in RCSS by 3%.

Goal 3:

During the 24-25 school year, we will increase post-high school readiness by increasing our graduation rate from 81% to 83%.

2024-2025 School Goals

Goal 1:

By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, Diamond Lakes Elementary School will increase students' academic achievement in English Language Arts by increasing rigorous tier 1 literacy instruction, including research-based literacy interventions from 53.1% to 58% as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

Goal 2:

By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, Diamond Lakes Elementary School will increase students' academic achievement in mathematics by engaging students in research-based differentiated instruction to increase the percentage of students scoring at the developing or above achievement level from 38% to 48% as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

Goal 3:

By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, DLE By May 2025, Diamond Lakes Elementary will decrease the number of students with 10 or more absences from 45.5% to 40%.

Parental Involvement Standards

Diamond Lakes 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 COUNCIL TEAM

Diamond Lakes invites all parents to join the School Council Team 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 two 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. If you would like to learn more about the School Council Team, please contact the principal at 706-771-2881 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TEAM

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

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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) _____