

Diamond Lakes Elementary School Title I

*Parental Involvement Policy and plan for
Shared Student Success
2019-2020 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 is a 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 meeting and trainings in the fall to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school wide 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 parent survey and comments. The e 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 hard copy 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 Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

Diamond Lakes Elementary is Shining Bright!

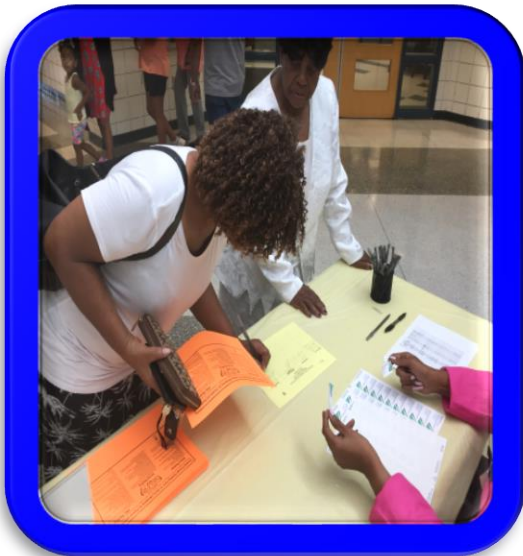
Diamond Lakes Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ◆ We will share information regarding our programs to the community, to the extent feasible, and appropriate, coordinating and integrating parental involvement activities with all available local agencies.
- ◆ Provide parents with educational material and training on Georgia Milestones Standardize test and GA Common Core Academic Standards.
- ◆ Parents will be provided with information about the RCK 12 curriculum and the Georgia Standard of Excellence. 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ We will provide materials and trainings to help parents to 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, place suggestion box in main office for parents in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities and other concerns.
- ◆ We will 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 our 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 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. Time and dates are subject to change.

Open House/Registration August 6, 2019



Diamond Lakes Elementary 3:00 p.m-7:00 p.m.

Annual Title 1 Meeting/Parent Night- October 3, 2019 (5:00 p.m.-7:00 pm)



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.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal Training & Volunteer Training Monthly the 4th Thursday



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



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

Pre-K Parent Lunch Day – October 18, 2019 (10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)



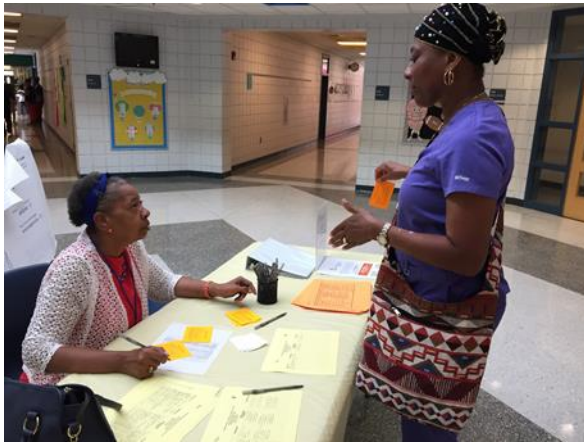
Parents/Guardians will come and eat with students and visit the parent resource room.

Bring a Veteran to School-November 8, 2019



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





Diamond Lakes Elementary School Parent Involvement Program and Activities

DLES Spirit Night/Chick Fil-A- October 8, 2019

🍌 Diamond Lakes Elementary collaborating with our community partners during spirit night. This event assisted with the support of our school, parents, and students. Parents had the chance to meet with teachers, principals, and staff members at this event.

Taste of the Holidays – November 21-22, 2019 (10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)

🍌 Parents and Family will eat lunch with students and Parent Resource room to offer support on academics over the holidays.

Diamond Lakes Holiday Program – December 12, 2019 (5:00 p.m.-7:00 pm)

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

Black History Program – February 20, 2020 (5:00 p.m.-7:00 pm)

🍌 Students will perform a Black History Celebration for family and friends.

School-Parent Compact, Survey, Policy, Budget Revision & Input Meeting- April 30, 2020 (5:00 p.m.-7:00 pm)

🍌 Receiving feedback from parents, students, and teachers regarding the updated changes to the 2019-2020 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

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.

Monday- Friday 9:00a. m. -2:45 p.m.

2019-20 District Goals

By the end of the 2019-2020 school year, the percentage of students performing on grade level in all subject areas will increase by 5 percentage points as measured by district mandated assessments.

2019-20 School Goals

Goal 1: 3RD GRADERS READING ON LEVEL

Increase the percent of students with a Lexile level within the Lexile "stretch" grade band. (Target: 1st- 360L, 2nd- 535L, 3rd- 670L, 4th-840L, 5th-920L)
By May 2020 at least 3% from 17.7% to 21% of the students in grades 3rd-5th in their grade level appropriate Lexile "stretch band" according to the 2019-2020 ELA GMAS results.

Goal 2: 4TH GRADERS Proficient IN MATH

Increase the percentage of students performing on or above grade level in mathematics by 4th grade by at least 3% from 13.4% in 18-19 to at least 16% in 19-20 according to GMAS scores, by Increasing growth in math reasoning when solving contextualized, multi-step word problems.

Goal 3: 3Rd-5TH GRADE

Improved growth mindset by April 2020, 90% of 3rd-5th grade students will demonstrate an increase in growth mindset as measured by the Georgia Student Health Survey.

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 Community 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 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. 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) _____