School Plan for Shared

Student Achievement

**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Gracewood Elementary will provide

opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning.

Gracewood 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 Gracewood 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?**

Gracewood Elementary School invited all parents to complete our End of the Year and Beginning of the Year Surveys to give input on revising this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and 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 including our Parent Teacher Conferences, Active Parenting, Curriculum Night and Parent Orientation.

**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. Gracewood 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 Gracewood 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.

**Gracewood Elementary School**

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

2025-2026 School Year

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**What is Title I?**

Gracewood 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.

**Let’s Get Together!**

Gracewood 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.

Tentative Schedule:

August 1- Open House

September 28- Title 1 Annual Meeting

October 26- Literacy Day

November 30- Community Day

March 3- Input/ Revision Meeting

March 6- GMAS Night

March 14- Pi Day (Numeracy Day)

April 18- Test Prep Day

2025-2026 District Goals

District Goals: 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 evaluations.

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

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

2025-2026 School Goals

* On grade level reading performance will increase from 25% to 55% as indicated by the EOY iReady diagnostic.
* On grade level math performance will increase from 19% to 55% as indicated by the EOY iReady diagnostic.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Gracewood 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. 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.

**Gracewood Elementary is Branching Out!**

Gracewood 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 assessment 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, REMIND, social media 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.

Gracewood Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this policy. Please call if you need assistance or have any questions. We are here to help and want your participation in our programs.

Parent and Family Engagement

Gracewood 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 (Room 401) 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, 8:30 am- 11:30 am

School Council

Gracewood Elementary has developed a School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The School Council meets 2 times during the school year, but all parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any of the school

activities and meetings, as well as through

our parent surveys and

website.

**School Volunteer**

* Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Volunteer Team.
* Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Volunteer Team.
* 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

Gracewood 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

