

Pine Hill Middle School Title I

*Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for
Shared Student Success
2020-2021 School Year*

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What is Title I?

Pine Hill Middle School 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 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 Pine Hill Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Pine Hill 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 Pine Hill 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?

Pine Hill Middle School invites all parents to attend input trainings to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the 1% parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through parent survey and comments. 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. In the fall prior to November 1st an annual meeting is held to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation, as well as the parent' rights under Title I. 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. If the school wide plan is not satisfactory to parents, the parent facilitator designees will submit feedback forms to the LEA.

Who is it for?

All Pine Hill Middle School 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. Pine Hill Middle 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. If Open House is virtual, parents will receive a link to view the plan at their leisure. 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.

2020-2021 District Goals

During the 2020-2021 school year, RCSS will increase the number of highly effective teachers and leaders hired and retained in RCSS by 3% to impact achievement across all content areas.

During the 2020-2021 school year, identify, integrate, and expand technology access for 60% of the student population in all RCSS schools and provide professional learning options that engage staff to improving their digital learning knowledge to improve student achievement based on district strategic goals.

2020-2021 School Goals

Math

- To improve student achievement in Mathematics for all students
- Increase mathematics achievement for all students from 11% to 22%.

Focus Area: Increase student performance at or above grade level.

Reading

- Improve student achievement in Reading and Language Arts for all students
- Increase Reading/ELA achievement for all students from 22% to 32%.

Focus Area: Increase Literacy and Writing skills for all students.

Focus Areas: Increase the level of student engagement in all classrooms with support through appropriate interventions

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, Pine Hill Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement between parents, teachers, and students 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, and teachers during school events and meetings.

Pine Hill Middle School Parent Involvement Program and Activities

Pine Hill Middle School 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/or in the evenings from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. Pine Hill will hold virtual meetings and conferences whenever necessary.

Open House August 31-September 4, 2020

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

Annual Title I Meeting: Virtual – September 10, 2020, 6:00 pm

Parents are invited to this meeting to learn more information about how Pine Hill Middle School will take advantage of Title I resources.

Title I Volunteer Training: Virtual - September 15, 2020

Parents can take advantage of being able to certify to volunteer in the school, in the media center, or on field trips, or to tutor, mentor, or assist in the office.

Student/ Teacher/Staff Member of the month Celebration: Virtual – October 22, 2020 and Ongoing throughout the year.

Teachers are encouraged to introduce their student's success to parents, other teachers, other students, and administrative staff.

Title I Parent Infinite Campus Workshop: Virtual - December 3, 2020

The parent portal is a tool used to inform parents about their child's progress in school, and a communication tool used by teachers.

Title I Parent University – January 2021 and Ongoing throughout the year.

Parents gain knowledge about the curriculum and get to experience fun activities along with the students.

Curriculum Night – February 2021 and Ongoing throughout the year

Parents will get the opportunity to see what their child is learning by demonstration and hand-on-activities.

Title I Parent Georgia Milestone and Volunteer Training: Virtual – February 4, 2021

***Title I End of the Year Meeting: Documentation Revisions & Reflections (Compact, Policy, Survey): Virtual - March 25, 2021 (10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.)**

**As available, child care will be provided if face-to-face meeting occurs.*

Dates are Subject to Change
Detailed information will be sent home

Parental Involvement

Pine Hill Middle School 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 with 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 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

Pine Hill Middle is Living Rich, Hopeful for a Successful Future!

Pine Hill Middle School 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 standardized tests and Georgia Common Core Academic Standards.
-  Ensure 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, and school electronic marquee, and included in the school newsletter for all parents.
-  We will 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 suggestion box in main office for parents in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities and other concerns.
-  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.
-  We will provide parental involvement workshops to assist in 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.

Parental Involvement Standards

Pine Hill Middle School 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*