

**Factory Shoals Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement
Plan for Shared Student Success
2023-2024 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Factory Shoals is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2017 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to 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 parent and family involvement. Title I schools must involve parents and families in the written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Factory Shoals Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Factory Shoals Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Factory Shoals Elementary will support parent and 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? Factory Shoals Elementary School invited all parents to attend our School Council/Parent Advisory Council meeting last May as well as mid-August to revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the grade level school-parent compacts and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year by completing our comment card that is available in the school office and/or the Parent Resource Center. 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. Any unsatisfactory comments will be submitted to the LEA. We also distribute an annual survey online as well as send a paper copy home with each student for parent suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents and families can also give feedback during any/all parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A, and their parents/families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Factory Shoals Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents/families with limited English, disabilities and of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan is posted in the Parent and Family Engagement section of the school website. It is also sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year along with the Douglas County School District Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the School-Parent Compact. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the Parent Resource Center at the school.

2023-2024 District Goals

The percentage of students scoring at proficient or distinguished learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

2023-2024 School Goals

The percentage of 3rd-5th grade students who will score at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the **English Language Arts** End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

The percentage of 3rd-5th grade students who will score at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the **Math End of Grade Assessments** will increase by six percentage points.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, FSES and our parents/families have developed a school-parent compact for each grade level. The compacts are an agreement that explains how parents/families and teachers will work together to make sure our students reach our school goals. Parents/families are required to read and sign the compact for each of their children at FSES. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents/families, students and teachers throughout the school year and during Parent Advisory Council meetings. The school-parent compacts will also be reviewed during parent-teacher conferences.

Let's Get Together!

Factory Shoals Elementary will host several events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents/families, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Events will be publicized via flyers, school website, and signage.

Meeting Dates/times subject to change. Meetings are face-to-face unless noted.

Back to School Curriculum Night (K-5) – August 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

- ✓ Parents will learn about district and school policies. We will help parents better understand the curriculum and standards used at school and how to help their children practice reading and math skills. Online resources to support student learning will also be provided.

Parent Advisory Council Meeting #1 – August 31, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. (virtual)

- ✓ Parents will work with us to review and revise our school parent and family engagement policy, and school grade-level compacts, as well as provide input and/or feedback on our Title I budget, and 1% set aside of funds. We will also discuss ideas/strategies to help school staff reach out to, communicate with and work with parents/families as equal partners, implement parent programs, and build ties between parents and school.

Building School Staff Capacity Session #1 – September 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

- ✓ Topic: Staff orientation to Title I. Parents may also be invited to share ideas/strategies to help school staff reach out to, communicate with and work with parents/families as equal partners, implement parent programs, and build ties between parents and school.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (in person) & October 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (virtual)

- ✓ Principal, Tosha Wright, will present the facts about Title I and our school's Title I program. Principal Wright will also provide information on the curriculum in use at the school, student academic assessments and state academic standards.

STEM Night – November 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

- ✓ There will be a family presentation by Science for Everyone who will stimulate the imagination and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through activities that use resources that are inexpensive and readily available. The Science Georgia Standards of Excellence curriculum and learning standards will be described and explained.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting #2 – November 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

- ✓ The purpose of this meeting will be for the Parent Advisory Council and all FSES parents/families to meet to discuss how home and school can work together to help our children learn and be successful in school. We will also discuss our goals for student achievement and ways we are reaching those goals.

GMAS Informational Night (3-5) – January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

- ✓ Teachers will give parents access to content-specific strategies and resources that they can use to assist their child in preparing for the Spring GMAS End-of-Grade Assessments and receive valuable information that they can use to help their child excel on the assessment.

Building School Staff Capacity Session #2 – February 13, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Topic: TBD

Family Social Studies Trivia Night – March 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

- ✓ Join us as we work together and guests form teams to answer questions about history, geography, landmarks and other facts. Families will compete against each other for bragging rights!

GMAS Informational Night (3-5) – April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (virtual)

- ✓ Teachers will give parents access to content-specific strategies and resources that they can use to assist their child in preparing for the Spring GMAS End-of-Grade Assessments and receive valuable information that they can use to help their child excel on the assessment.

Movin' on Up! Grade Transition Information - May 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

- ✓ Come get info prepared by our teachers about what to expect next year and how to prepare your child for the next grade level. You will leave with some great suggestions for keeping the learning process going all summer.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting #3 – May 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (virtual)

- ✓ The PAC and all FSES parents/families are invited and encouraged to provide input on how we can work together to help our children learn and be successful in school. We will begin revisions to our Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and grade-level compacts using data collected from our annual Title I Parent Survey.

Parent and Family Engagement

Factory Shoals Elementary believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents/family members in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- Parents and families 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;
- Other activities described in this plan should be carried out.

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER: All parents/families are welcome to visit the Parent Resource Center (PRC) at the school to check out enrichment materials to support you in helping your child learn at home. The PRC is open by appointment on Monday - Friday.

Hector Cotte, Family Engagement Contact
770.651.3937 hector.cotte@dcssga.org

OUR COMMITMENT: Factory Shoals Elementary is committed to helping our parents/families attend the events listed in this plan and we may be able to help those who need assistance in order to participate. Please contact Mr. Cotte at 770.651.3937 if you would like more information or would like to provide input/feedback into this plan.

Factory Shoals Elementary School Values Our Parents!

Factory Shoals Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents/families 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 both English and Spanish as needed and when possible, and posted on the school website for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct staff training and development at least twice per year on parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start to share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information on the school website for parents/families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways to monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with parents/families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities by using phone messages, the Parent Post newsletter, and informational flyers.
- ✓ At parent conferences/workshops/meetings and activities, teachers will provide practical tips and materials to help parents/families work with their child at home to help improve academic achievement.
- ✓ Offer workshops/meetings to inform parents about the curriculum and to suggest practical ways/strategies for helping students at home.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities and programs to help boost student academic achievement.
- ✓ In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent(s).



Student Achievement



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Factory Shoals 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 Community Team

Factory Shoals Elementary invites all parents/families to participate in the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and to share ideas and ways to involve other parents/families to build partnerships with school, families, and the community.

The team will meet at least three times during the school year, but parents/families can also submit their ideas or suggestions during any/all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys, comment cards, and website. If you would like to learn more about the PAC, please contact: Hector Cotte at (770) 651-3937 or complete an interest form and leave it in the main office at the school.

Parent Advisory Council

- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Advisory Council
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Advisory Council
- ☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

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 plan 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 at the school:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

