

HARMONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2019-2020 School Year



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What is Title I?

Harmony Elementary is recognized 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 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 engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that tells how Harmony Elementary will improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Harmony Elementary values the parents and family members, and the value they bring to the school. HES wants to establish a partnership for improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Harmony Elementary will support parent and family engagement. It also tells how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to improve student learning at school and at home.

How was it revised? Harmony Elementary School invited all parents to attend the Parent Action Committee input meeting. During the meeting, parents had the opportunity to review and revise the parental involvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the 1% Title I parent involvement money. Parents can provide ideas and give opinions throughout the year. The plan, school-parent compact, and other Title I information is posted on our school website. We also have the information available at the school office. We send home surveys to ask families for their suggestions on the plan, and how to use Title I money for parent engagement. The plan is updated each year to meet the changing needs of students and parents.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Harmony 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? A copy of the plan is sent home with all students before November 1 of each year. It is posted on the school website and copies are available at the school office.

Harmony Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the events and activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us with comments or suggestions on any of the activities listed, or to submit ideas about how we can work together to improve the academic success of our students. Please call or email if you need childcare or other assistance in order to participate.

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Our Mission

The mission of Harmony Elementary School is to facilitate a safe and orderly environment where excellence in learning provides all children the ability to think, learn, and lead.

Harmony Elementary School Goals

HES will improve in the following areas as indicated:

Reading

Increase the percentage of students scoring at a level 3 and 4 on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 3%.

3rd grade: 29% to 32%

4th grade: 36% to 39%

Math

Increase the percentage of students scoring at a level 3 and 4 on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 3%.

3rd grade: 60% to 63%

4th grade: 57% to 60%

Harmony Elementary Wants YOU!

Look for more details and other events on the school's website

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

- Come and join us on September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. as we look at the Title I program at HES and share information regarding our school-parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and the curriculum in use at the school. This is a fun, exciting opportunity to see what your children are learning!

Eagle Performance Nights

- HES invites families to join us for student performances throughout the year.
 - ~ Third grade will perform on November 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
 - ~ First and Second graders will perform at the Family Folk Dance sponsored by PTO on February 7, 2020, from 6:00 until 7:30 in the evening.
 - ~ Music Makers will perform on April 21, 2020 from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m.

PTO-sponsored Events

- Bingo Night with Santa – December 16, 2019 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.
- Family Fold Dance – February 7, 2020 from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.

Book Fair

- October 7 – 11th
- March 9 - 13th

Title I Events (other than the Annual Title I meeting)

- French Toast with my Favorites – October 9th Literacy event 7:15 – 7:50 AM
- Muffins in the Morning – March 10th Math event 7:15 – 7:50 AM

Other Family Events

- Fall Festival – October 11, 2019 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Veteran's Day Luncheon – November 11, 2019 from 10:45 AM – 12:30 PM
- Thanksgiving Luncheon – November 21, 2019
- Fun Run – Spring 2020
- Kindergarten Transition – Spring 2020
- End-of-Year Student Recognition – May 2020

Let's Work Together!

Harmony Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as important partners in strengthening and reaching school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided in English and other necessary languages, to the extent practicable, posted on the school's website, and is included in grade level newsletters.
- ✓ Train staff members on ways to communicate with families and build positive relationships with parents, on the value and use of contributions from parents, on beginning and managing parent programs, and on providing ways to build ties between home and school.
- ✓ Collaborate with Head Start, community-based pre-k programs in Pickens County, and Prevent Child Abuse Pickens (Pickens Family Partners) to share information about school activities and newsletters, to prepare parents and their children for kindergarten, and to facilitate school transition.
- ✓ Share information via the school website and newsletters to help parents understand the school's academic standards/assessments, to assist parents in monitoring their child's progress, and to work with educators ensuring students' academic success.
- ✓ Communicate regularly regarding school-wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, school website, and/or flyers.
- ✓ Provide materials, as appropriate, to assist parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement.
- ✓ Work with parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations and inform staff members of the importance of effective communication and parental involvement via newsletters and staff meetings.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders, business groups, and local residents to increase participation and awareness of school-parent involvement practices and activities.
- ✓ The school will offer meetings at various times (mornings and evenings) and in various formats (large group, small group, and individual parent conferences) to accommodate families' schedules and needs.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support with parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ Provide regular meeting opportunities if requested by parents.
- ✓ Provide meetings at flexible times such as in the mornings and evenings to accommodate all families who want to participate. Meetings will also be offered in various formats including individual, small group, or large group.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Harmony Elementary School and our parents will develop a school/parent/student compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop collaboratively. The compact explains how parents, teachers, and students will work together to help all students in achieving grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers using letters to be sent home, meetings, surveys, and the school website.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS OR HAVE QUESTIONS, REACH OUT TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE. CONTACT DESTINI SHOPE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AT 706-253-1700 OR EMAIL DESTINISHOPE@PICKENSCOUNTYSCHOOLS.ORG.