

# Todd-Grant Elementary School

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

2018–2019 School Year

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### What is Title I?

Todd-Grant Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal program designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement policy.

## SCHOOL POLICY FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### What is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is a plan that describes how Todd-Grant Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Todd-Grant Elementary values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes different ways that Todd-Grant Elementary will support family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### How is it revised?

Todd-Grant Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Parent and Family Engagement Revision Meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school-wide plan, and our school-parent compact. 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 and by students 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 annual Parent and Family Engagement Revision event.

### Who is it for?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success is for all students and their families. As a Title I school, all students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Todd-Grant 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?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan is available in the Parent Resource Center, front office, and on the school's website. The plan is also distributed at the Annual Title I Parent Meeting held at the beginning of the year and is sent home with students at the beginning of the school year.

## 2018–2019 District Goals

McIntosh County School District goals are:

- Increase the number of students reading on grade level as measured by Lexiles
- Increase student achievement in Math
- Improve the climate and culture of all schools

All schools in the district will strive to increase parent and family engagement:

**“Empower families who are engaged in schools and student learning.”**

## 2018–2019 School Goals

Todd-Grant Elementary School’s Goal is to increase the academic performance in Math and ELA/Reading as measured by the Georgia Milestone Assessment.

## SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

As part of this plan, Todd-Grant 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 students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during an annual parent revision meeting, a school council meeting, surveys, and parent/teacher conferences. The school-parent compacts are sent home with all students for signatures, placed on the school website, and are available in the Parent Resource Center or front office by request.

## **Let’s Get Together!**

*Todd-Grant Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity or strong family engagement to support a partnership between the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.*

### **Open House and Grade Level Expectation Night**

Parents meet their child’s teacher and school staff for the year. Grade level expectations are shared and information is given to assist parents in helping their child have a successful school year.

### **Annual Title I Meeting**

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the school-parent compacts, school curriculum, academic assessments, FERPA, and Parents’ Right to Know. Meeting notices will be sent home in your child’s Tuesday Packet, on the school calendar and school website.

### **Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences October 8<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Parents participate in conferences to receive updates on their child’s progress.

### **Georgia Milestone Information Night (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Only)**

Parents are given information to help prepare their child for the Georgia Milestone Assessment.

### **Bingo for Books**

Join your child for a night of “Bingo” to win “FREE BOOKS” to encourage reading!!!

### **Grits ’n’ Grands/ Christmas and Thanksgiving Lunches**

Join your child or grandchild for a delicious breakfast/lunch and meet with their teacher, if needed.

### **STEAM Night**

With the help of GYSTC, students and parents have the opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering, art and math activities.

### **Book Fair/Lunch with a Loved One**

Have lunch with your “loved one” and visit the annual Book Fair to purchase items and books for literacy.

### **Veterans Day Assembly**

This assembly provides students the opportunity to learn and perform songs about our country’s history while connecting the school with the community to build a stronger partnership.

### **Read Across America Day**

Students, teachers, and staff enjoy dressing as story book characters for the Read Across America Day Parade and take pleasure in listening to books read aloud by community members and high school students.

### **Honors Day Program**

Parents and the community join Todd-Grant Elementary in a ceremony to honor all of our outstanding students and their accomplishments.

## **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, educational resources, and individual needs.

Tuesdays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
or by appointment

Contact: Mrs. Tonya Armstrong:  
(912) 324-9028

## **PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

At Todd-Grant Elementary, we believe that parent and family engagement is the participation of families in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities 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 are given opportunities to be on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Todd-Grant Elementary is committed to helping our families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

(912) 437-6675 or [tarmstrong@mcintosh.k12.ga.us](mailto:tarmstrong@mcintosh.k12.ga.us)

## **Todd-Grant Elementary is Branching Out!!**

*Todd-Grant Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support 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 (upon request), posted on the school website, flyers home with students, and included in the monthly grade-level newsletter and calendar for all parents.
- ✓ Provide training to teachers and staff on ways to communicate and work with parents as equal partners. Trainings will include how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. Staff will share best practices during faculty meetings, grade level team meetings, leadership meetings, and through staff email.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations and parent resource centers to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and parent meeting materials (translated in their native language as requested) for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, 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.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Offer technology training for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels. Resources include a Parent Resource Center, a Z-Space Computer Lab, a Technology Bus, and technology workshops.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



## PAW-Rific Volunteers/PTO

- Yes, I am interested in being a volunteer and/or joining PTO
- Please contact me to give more information
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAW-RIFIC VOLUNTEERS/PTO

Todd-Grant Elementary invites all parents to join the PAW-rific Volunteers and/or PTO to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Times of meetings will be sent home with your child in their Tuesday packets. Parents may also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys.. If you would like to learn more about PAW-rific Volunteers and/or PTO, please contact

Mrs. Roxane McKinzie at (912) 270-0859 or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office.

## 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. You may also email Mrs. Sandra Ryals, Principal at [sryals@mcintosh.k12.ga.us](mailto:sryals@mcintosh.k12.ga.us).*

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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**UNPAID** not because  
they are **worthless**,  
but because they are  
**PRICELESS!**