

Sam D. Panter Elementary School

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Panter Elementary is a school with a Title I Program.

What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program for schools. The funds are used for educational services for children to provide additional support to ensure academic success. The focus of the Title I program is on helping **all** students meet high standards.

At Panter Elementary, our Title I program provides the following:

- 🐾 Teachers to work with students who can benefit from additional support
- 🐾 Learning resources for students
- 🐾 Professional learning resources for teachers
- 🐾 Resources and activities for parents to access as they support their child academically



2025-2026 Panter Elementary School Parent & Family Engagement Plan

Revised 9/17/2025

What is it?

Our Parent & Family Engagement Plan is a plan that outlines what we will provide for parents and guardians, and how we will work together to strengthen the academic success of children in our school. Our Plan is based upon school goals for student academic achievement and is developed by parents/guardians and school staff.

How is it revised?

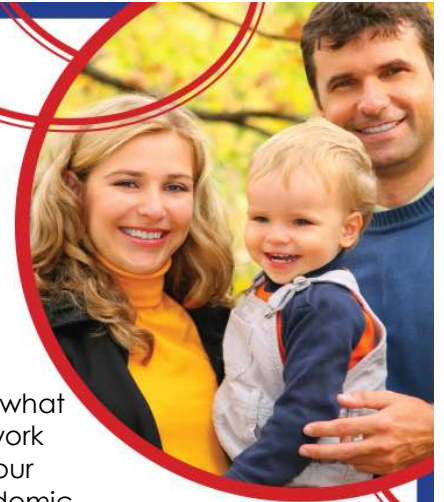
The Panter Parent & Family Engagement Plan is updated every year. In late winter, a survey will be made available to all parents. It may be taken online or by way of a paper copy that will be sent home to all parents of our students. The survey will be advertised through bulletins, flyers, in parent meetings, and in the Parent Resource Center. The survey will ask for feedback on the components of the current Parent & Family Engagement Plan and parent involvement opportunities that will take place during the school year. The survey will also ask for suggestions and input in the development of an updated Parent & Family Engagement Plan. Participation from parents will also be sought through responses on feedback forms provided at all parent involvement meetings and activities, meetings planned specifically for developing the plan together, and an online survey linked directly in connection with this Plan.

Who is it for?

Panter Elementary is a schoolwide Title I school, and all students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this Plan. The Plan is written in a language that parents can understand, and translation is available upon request. We always strive to make continual progress in working with our parents and welcome any feedback and suggestions throughout the school year.

Where is it available?

Panter Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Plan is distributed to all parents and guardians of students in our school, and is available on our school website, and in our Parent Resource Center. Translation of all information will be provided upon request.



2024-2025 District Goals

- By May 2026, enhance the quality and effectiveness of professional learning initiatives to empower teachers in positively transforming their instructional practices, thereby directly impacting student achievement.
- By May 2026, cultivate meaningful collaborative opportunities that foster strong relationships and active engagement between District staff, families, and communities, resulting in a positive impact on student achievement.
- Increase student performance in all core content areas by 3% annually as measured by achievement data.

2025-2026 School Goals

- On the Georgia Milestones Assessment, we will increase our percentage of 3rd-5th grade students scoring proficient and distinguished in ELA from the Spring 2025 baseline of 41% to 50% by the 2026Spring administration.
- On the Georgia Milestones Assessment, we will increase our percentage of 3rd-5th grade students scoring proficient and distinguished in Math from the Spring 2025 baseline of 49% to 55% by the 2026Spring administration.

Parent Involvement is Important

The staff at Panter Elementary understands the value and utility of contributions of parents. Staff will participate in meeting with parents/guardians to share grade-level information, conference with parents to share ideas and resources, and will make plans and communicate using student folders, Class Dojo, school websites, and weekly newsletters. We know that working with parents as equal partners and building ties between home and school are vital to student academic achievement! Regardless of family income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores and enroll in higher-level programs.
- Be promoted and pass their classes.
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school
- Graduate and go on to further education



You are invited!

Panter Elementary will host the following events and will provide support to build the capacity for strong parental involvement! Meetings and activities will be provided at a variety of times and formats to help accommodate parent/guardian schedules. All parents will receive notification and invitation to events in school newsletters and bulletins/notices (a flyer and RSVP will be posted on Class Dojo and social media). Please be on the look-out! **We want you to join us!**

Open House for Panter Families – July 29, 2025 from 2 PM - 6 PM

Every year, parents are invited to meet their child's teacher and our friendly, helpful school staff. Panter Families were able to come meet their child's teacher. Families were also provided the opportunity to provide input on the development of the following: Building Capacity of Staff & Parents, Parent & Family Engagement Plan, School Improvement, Family - School Compacts, and Title I Budget.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 2025

We invite you to learn about our Title I program, including your parents' rights under Title I. All families of students attending Panter Elementary School are invited to attend! Access to the meeting and materials will also be available online.

Georgia Milestones Meeting – Date TBA (Spring 2026)

We invite you to attend this family night to receive valuable information on your student's standardized testing in May and receive helpful strategies to support continued learning and gain insight and resources on standardized testing.

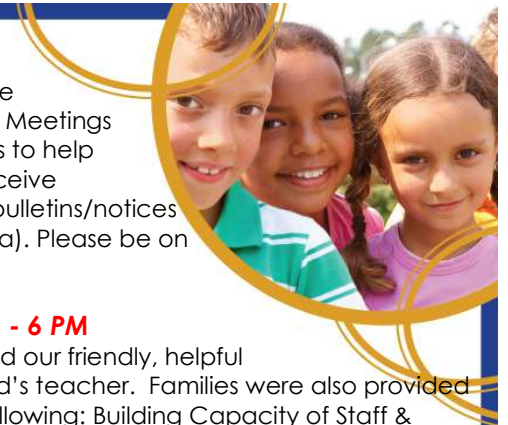
Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 13 & 14, 2025 and March 16 & 17, 2026

We invite you to participate in these opportunities to partner with staff to discuss your child's academic progress!

Spring Planning and Input Survey for FY 27: Spring 2026 (Date and Time TBD)

We invite you to cooperatively develop our Title I plans for the upcoming school year. We value your input and hope you will provide feedback to help us in creating plans for our students' future success.

PCSD will collaborate with local and State institutions for neglected or delinquent children and youth in order for these students to have the opportunity to meet the same challenging State academic standards as all children in the State. If such students are being educated at a PCSD Title I school, the residential facilities that reside in the school's attendance area will be included in the correspondence and activities outlined in the school's parental involvement plan. A representative from the facilities will serve as a proxy for the parents.





Together Improving The Learning Environment

Parental Involvement

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. As a school, we will provide opportunities for parents to:

- play an integral role in assisting your child's learning;
- be actively involved in your child's education at school;
- be full partners in your child's education;
- be included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of your child;
- be involved in other offered informative activities.

School staff is available for meeting, and appointments may be arranged by contacting Panter Elementary at 770-443-4303.

Our Commitment

At Panter Elementary, we support our parents/guardians in attending the parental activities included in this plan. We make every effort to communicate the details of events in several ways, including newsletters, social media, phone calls, and school website postings. Please call or email us if you require further information or assistance to participate. Please contact Julie Holmes, Title I Family Engagement Coach with any request for support. Phone: 770.443.4303



Panter Elementary is Extending our Paws

Panter Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as equal partners in supporting student achievement:

- Provide information in an understandable format, as requested. The request may be made to the child's teacher, to the front office, or to the Title I Parent Engagement Coach, Julie Holmes. The request can be communicated in the child's communication folder, via phone, via email, or in person.
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Phone 770-443-4303 Email: jholmes@paulding.k12.ga.us
- Provide professional learning with staff on parent involvement practices which include parent conferences, use of parent resource center materials, and effective communication strategies in reaching out to parents to build relationships.
- Establish a partnership with local Pre-K programs to provide school information and transitional support for parents to participate in the education of their child more fully by providing resources and notification of opportunities.
- Provide school's academic standards, assessments (including Georgia Milestones), and ways to monitor their child's progress through the school websites, newsletters, and during meetings.
- Inform all families and community stakeholders on a consistent basis information about school-wide events and activities, using Dojo messages, newsletters, flyers, invitations, and school websites.
- Use parent feedback to determine professional learning needs of our staff as it pertains to parent engagement and to embrace partnerships with families.
- Supply parents with necessary materials at conferences, meetings, workshops, and Family Nights to help parents work with their child to improve their achievement.
- Communicate with local stakeholders to increase participation and awareness of our school's Parent & Family Engagement Plan and activities through the school website.
- Provide parents information on ways to enhance their education upon request and share information in regard to community-based opportunities.
- Solicit feedback and provide parent support for additional parental involvement activities through feedback forms, surveys, and meetings.



Parent Involvement Standards

Panter 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. Open House Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Parent Resource Center

Location: Front Lobby

Online Checkout Service Available

The Parent Resource Center is stocked with all types of reading and math resources – including games, books, practice materials, and several other learning-based activities. These items can be checked out/borrowed, at **NO COST**, for parents to use at home with their student(s). A computer and a printer are also available for parents to use during school hours! We invite you to make use of this

resource when you are in the school building! Also, you may request items to be sent home by completing the form on website, or by letting the teacher know your request!



Family-School Compacts

The Panter Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Plan includes grade-level specific Compacts, which are developed jointly by staff, parents/guardians, and students. The Compact is an agreement that explains how parents/guardians, teachers and students will work together and share the responsibility of ensuring that every student is supported in reaching academic success. All parents of students at Panter Elementary School are invited to multiple opportunities for providing input on the development of and revision of the Compact every year. Revisions are made and are based on the input from parents, students, and teachers. Compacts are discussed in October at Parent-Teacher Conference time and serve as a reminder of our commitment to action in supporting every student at Panter Elementary. All parents keep a copy of the compact. The Compact will be referenced throughout the year by students, parents, and teachers as a reminder of our partnership in helping students achieve the State's high standards.

Your Input Matters

We welcome your suggestions, questions, and feedback at any time! Budget information will be shared with parents and guardians through newsletters, in meetings, and input will be sought on the allocation of those funds through feedback forms, surveys, and the Parent Resource Center. Please list any comments below, and if there is any part of this plan that you find unsatisfactory for the parents and students at Panter Elementary, please let us know in the space below. This form may be returned to the Panter Elementary front office.

If your comments indicate that the plan is unsatisfactory, the school will submit them to Dr. Tameka Walker, Paulding County School Director of Federal Programs
Paulding County Board of Education, 3236 Atlanta Highway, Dallas, GA 30132.

Please contact me.

Name (optional): _____

Phone Number (optional): _____