

**Ragsdale Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

2019-2020

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Ragsdale Elementary is a Title I School

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 Ragsdale Elementary, our Title I program provides the following:

- Teachers who 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.

Ragsdale Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Ragsdale Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan outlines what we will provide for parents and guardians, and how we will work together, to strengthen the academic success of each child in our school. This plan is jointly developed with input from parents and school staff.

Our Parent and Family Engagement Plan is updated every year. In late winter, a survey is made available to all parents, and may be taken on-line or on a paper copy that is sent home to all parents of our students. It is advertised through bulletins, phone calls, and in parent meetings. The survey asks for feedback on the components of the current Parent and Family Engagement Plan and parent engagement opportunities that took place during the school year and invites suggestions and input to be used in the development of the updated Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Input on the plan from parents is gathered through responses on feedback forms provided at all parent engagement meetings and activities, the availability of a suggestion box and meetings that are planned specifically for developing the policy together.

Once the draft plan is created, it is presented to parents and school staff (in parent engagement meetings, through the school website, and accessibility to paper copies in the school) for final agreement; it is then introduced as the Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the current school year at the Annual Title I Parent Meeting which takes place in early fall.

Ragsdale Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan is distributed to all parents/guardians of students in our school and is available to the local community on our school website and in our Parent Resource Center. We always strive to make continual progress in working with our parents and welcome any feedback and suggestions throughout the school year. The policy is written in a language that parents can understand, and translation is available upon request as possible.

If this plan is not satisfactory to the parents of students at Ragsdale Elementary School, the school will submit any parent comments with this plan to Teresa Benefield, Paulding County School District Title I Director at: Paulding County Board of Education, 3236 Atlanta Highway, Dallas, GA 30132, TBenefield@paulding.k12.ga.us 770.443.8000

Paulding County Schools District Goals 2019-2020

- 1) During the 2019- 2020 School Year, PCSD will increase the percent of students scoring proficient in Math and Science by 3% on Georgia Milestones.
- 2) During the 2019- 2020 School Year, PCSD will increase the following subgroups: SWD, EL, ED to proficiency in ELA by 3%.
- 3) During the 2019- 2020 School Year, PCSD will increase the percent of students scoring proficient or distinguished in ELA and Social Studies by 3% on the Georgia Milestones.

Ragsdale Elementary Goals 2019-2020

Ragsdale Elementary school goals align with our District Goals.

- 1) Students in grades 3-5 will meet RI growth goals, increasing from 74% in 2019 to 77% in 2020.
- 2) Students in grades 1-5 scoring proficient and advanced will grow 3% on the MI from 18% in August 2019 to 21% in May 2020.
- 3) Students in grades 3-5 scoring proficient and distinguished will grow from 36% in 2019 to 39% in

School-Family Compacts

Ragsdale Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan includes a Compact, which is developed jointly by staff, parents/guardians, and students. The Compact is an agreement that explains how parents/guardians, teachers and students will work together to help children achieve the state's high standards. All parents of students at Ragsdale Elementary School are invited to review the Compact and provide feedback and input every year. Revisions are made and are based on input from parents, students and teachers. They are discussed in October at Parent-Teacher Conference time and serve as a reminder of our commitment to action in supporting each and every student at Ragsdale. All families keep a copy of the compact.

You are Invited ☺ Together Improving The Learning Environment

Ragsdale Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement. Additional opportunities will be provided if parents request. Ragsdale is fully committed to providing response to parent requests for parent engagement activities.

Parent Meetings Spring 2019 and Continual Suggestions Welcome Parents are invited to review, and provide input on the development of the following drafts: Ragsdale Parent and Family Engagement Plan, Paulding County School District Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Title I Parent Engagement Budget, Parent, Teacher, Student Compacts, Staff Capacity, and the Schoolwide School Improvement Plan.

Open House and Parent Resource Center Open House- July 31, 2019, 2-6pm

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff. Take a tour of the Parent Resource Center.

Topics for Monthly Meetings (to be held throughout the year)

- ✓ Individual Student Assessment results, interpretation of those results and the proficiency expectations
- ✓ Description of the school & state curriculum (Georgia Standards of Excellence)
- ✓ Assessments used to measure student progress (State and Local)
- ✓ State's student academic achievement standards (Georgia Milestones)
- ✓ Technology Talk- Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning
- ✓ Ways to monitor your child's progress and partnering with teachers and learning strategies to support student achievement
- ✓ Other topics as requested by parents/guardians

Annual Title I Parent Meeting – October 17, 2019

- ✓ We invite you to an event of sharing and learning about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Schoolwide School Improvement Plan, School-Family Compacts, the Parent Engagement Budget, the requirements of Title I, Part A, and parents' rights under Title I. Parents are invited to have a say in what information and activities you would like for us to provide in the coming year. Invitations will be sent home to all families, posted in the school's newsletter, and on the school's website.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – (October 14-18, 2019 & March 16-20, 2020)

- ✓ Opportunity to attend a scheduled meeting to talk with your child's teacher about child's progress and school experience, and to ask questions (other meeting times are always available upon request)

Family Academic Nights--(August 23, 2019, December 5, 2019)

- ✓ Take a tour of the Parent Resource Center.
- ✓ A time to learn about and experience different areas of your child's academics, including Literacy and Math Training, goal setting for students, and how parents can work in partnership with our school to ensure student academic success.
- ✓ Connect with the school and community to continue building on Ragsdale's success!

****All parents/guardians of students attending Ragsdale Elementary are invited to participate in all events and activities.**

****Language translation of all materials and documents shared with parents/guardians is available upon request.**

Definition of Parental Engagement

Parental engagement 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 parents upon request, and appointments may be arranged by contacting Ragsdale Elementary at 770.443.2140

Our Commitment

At Ragsdale 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 a number of ways, including newsletters, bulletins, phone calls, and school web-site postings. Please call or email us if you require further information or assistance in any way in order to participate in our activities. Please contact: Courtney Osley, Title I ILT with any request for support. 770.443.2140 cosley@paulding.k12.ga.us

Ragsdale Elementary is Reaching Out!

Ragsdale Elementary will offer various opportunities for family engagement in different formats and at various times (morning and evening) such as speed meetings for the working parent, drop in sessions, and family nights. Pre-school children and their families are always welcome to attend our events. Ragsdale Elementary will take the following measures to promote and partner with families as equal partners in supporting student achievement:

- ✓ Provide information related to school meetings and programs in a language that parents can understand (as requested); provide information related to engagement opportunities and events through the school website, phone calls, and monthly parent newsletters.
- ✓ Provide professional development to staff on parent engagement practices, which includes effective parent conferences, use of parent resource center materials, effective communication strategies and how to build ties between home and school in staff and grade level meetings.
- ✓ Establish a partnership with local early childhood programs to provide school information and transitional support for parents to more fully participate in the education of their child through contacting the staffs of the programs to plan.
- ✓ Provide parents information on the school's academic standards, assessments, and ways to monitor their child's progress through the school website, newsletters, materials in the Parent Resource Center, and during monthly meetings.
- ✓ Inform all families and community stakeholders, on a consistent basis, information about schoolwide events and activities, using Blackboard Communication System, newsletters, flyers, invitations and school websites.
- ✓ Use parent feedback to determine professional learning needs of our staff as it pertains to parent engagement.
- ✓ Supply necessary materials at conferences, meetings, workshops, and Family Nights to parents as they work with their child to improve student achievement.
- ✓ Communicate with local stakeholders in efforts to increase participation and awareness of the school Parent and Family Engagement plan, and all supporting activities and offer information to parents on community resources.
- ✓ Provide parents information on ways to enhance their skills and education, such as technology training, GED prep, English as a Second Language support etc. upon request.
- ✓ Share Parent Engagement Budget information with parents through newsletters and in meetings and invite input on the allocation of those funds through feedback forms, surveys and the parent resource center suggestion box.

Parent Engagement Standards

Ragsdale 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

Ragsdale Elementary
Title I Team
2019-2020

Ann Arnold, Principal
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Parent Engagement is Important

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

Ragsdale Elementary Parent Resource Center

Location: Room B103, Next to Media Center

Open Daily
7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ragsdale Elementary is pleased to offer a Parent Resource Center! It is filled with resources for families to borrow (for free) as you work with your child on academic support. There are also computers and a printer available for your use. Resources are added throughout the year and are chosen based on requests from families and input from teachers. We feature the latest additions at parent meetings and workshops, and encourage access to the Center through flyers, phone calls and articles in school newsletters.