

**Ragsdale Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

2020-2021

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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

What is it?

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.

How is it revised?

Ragsdale Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Plan is updated every year. In late winter, a survey will be made available to parents. It may be taken online or by way of a paper copy that will be sent home to parents of our students. The survey will be advertised through bulletins, flyers, phone calls, 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, the availability of a suggestion box, meetings planned specifically for developing the plan together, and an online survey linked directly in connection with this plan.

Who is it for?

Ragsdale Elementary is a school wide 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?

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 sent by request. 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.



Paulding County Schools District Goals 2020-2021

- During the 2020-2021, PCSD will prepare students to increase the percent of students scoring proficient in Math, Science, ELA and Social Studies by 3% on Georgia Milestones in 2021-2022.
- During 2020-21, PCSD will prepare students to increase the performance of subgroups (SWD, EL, ED) in ELA by 3% on Georgia Milestones in 2021-22.
- During 2020-2021, PCSD will reduce the percentage of subgroups (SWD, EL, ED) assigned to OSS and ISS by 3% as reported in the student information system.

Ragsdale Elementary Goals 2020-2021

Ragsdale Elementary school goals align with our District Goals.

- 1) Students in grades 3-5 grades scoring proficient and advanced on the RI will increase 3% from 59% in January 2020 to 62% in January 2021.
- 2) Students in grades 1-5 scoring proficient and advanced will increase 3% on the MI from 52% in January 2020 to 55% in January 2021.

Our focus for Reading and Math:

- K: letter & sound recognition, 1 to 1 correspondence
- 1st: reading fluency and fact fluency of addition
- 2nd: reading fluency and comprehension and math problems using a variety of strategies
- 3rd: reading fluency & multiplication facts up to 10x10
- 4th: reading fluency & increasing Lexile levels, reading comprehension and math word problems
- 5th: Reading comprehension and fractions

Parent Involvement 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

You are Invited ☺ Together Improving The Learning Environment

Ragsdale Elementary will provide opportunities to build the capacity for strong parental engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement in the 2020-2021 school year. Additional opportunities will be provided by parent request. Ragsdale is fully committed to providing response to parent requests for parent engagement activities.

Open House and Parent Resource Center Open House- July 29th (All Kindergarten parents and students) and July 30th (1st-5th grade students new to the school)

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

Topics for 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 – DATE TBA Fall 2020

- ✓ We invite you to learn 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 12-16, 2020 & March 15-19, 2021)

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

Interpreting Student Data Resources Virtual Meeting – Date TBA Spring 2021

- ✓ We invite you to attend this family night to receive valuable information on your student's recent reading and math data, receive helpful strategies to support continued learning and gain insight and resources on standardized testing.

Spring Planning and Input Meetings- May 2021 date and times TBA

- ✓ We invite you to jointly develop our parent involvement budget, and School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compacts, Parent Engagement Plans, and Building Staff Capacity.



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. 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 fully participate in the education of their child.
- ✓ 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 to parents at conferences, meetings, workshops, and Family Nights 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, 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 and others upon request.
- ✓ Share Parent Engagement Budget information with parents through newsletters and 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. 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: Room B103, Next to Media Center

Items can be sent home by request

Ragsdale Elementary is pleased to offer a Parent Resource Center. The parent Resource Center offers educational games, informational resources, and a variety of materials for parents to borrow for free, as they work with their child in supporting academic success. Resources are added throughout the year and are chosen based on requests from families and input from teachers. New additions to the center are advertised through parent meetings and workshops, and encourage access to the Center through flyers, phone calls and articles in school newsletters.

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 student at Ragsdale. All families keep a copy of the compact.

Your Input Matters

We welcome your suggestions, questions, and feedback at any time! Please list any comments below, and if there is any part of this plan that you find unsatisfactory for the parents and students at Ragsdale Elementary. Please let us know in the space below. Return this form to the Ragsdale Elementary front office.

If your comments indicate that this plan is unsatisfactory, the school will submit them to Teresa Benefield, Paulding County Schools Title I Director at Paulding County Board of Education, 3236 Atlanta Highway, Dallas, GA 30132.

☐ Please contact me.

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