

Pepperell Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2019–2021 School Year

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What is Title I?

Pepperell Middle is identified 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 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Pepperell Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Pepperell Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Pepperell Middle will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Pepperell Middle School invited all parents to attend our LSGT meeting last spring to give input and create this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. 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 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.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Pepperell Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, once the plan is revised is published on the website and copied in the parent resource center. The plan will be given to all students served with Title services. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2019–20 District Goals

65% of students will meet or exceed their Projected Growth Goal from Fall to Spring as set by the MAP Reading and Mathematics Test

2019–20 School Goals

To increase the number of students who score a Proficient or Distinguished learner on the Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC Exams.

65% of students will meet or exceed growth goal on the MAP Assessment in Reading, Math, and Science.

Increase student writing scores on the WriteScore program

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Pepperell Middle 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 our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the LSGT meetings and spring Title I parent forum. The

school-parent compacts
also are shared with

parents during
parent-teacher
conferences and

kept with each child's
teacher if parents
need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Pepperell Middle will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family members are scheduled based on parent input for convenient times.

6th grade Transition Orientation – July 30, 2019

Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

7th Grade Open House – July 31, 2019

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 27, 2019

We invite you to attend and opportunity of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter and website, social media.

Reading Night –September 2019

We invite you to a night of parent reading involvement and tips to increase reading at home.

Parent Involvement Day/Georgia Milestones Information Day – March 27, 2020

Learn about opportunities to become more involved in our school.

Revision meeting –May 2020

Information about PMS Title I programs and opportunity for parents to provide input about our programs

LSGT Meetings – Monthly

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget and other school related issues..

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 and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Pepperell Middle believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including 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 on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Pepperell Middle is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Pepperell Middle is Branching Out!

Pepperell Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled Professional Learning Communities.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter 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 schoolwide 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 literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input card around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parental comments for additional support.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Pepperell Middle 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:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

LSGT Community Team

Pepperell Middle invites all parents to join the School LSGT Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet ten times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the Title I Coordination at (706) 236-1849 or complete the interest

form and leave it in the Main Office.

LSGT Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the LSGT Community Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the LSGT Community Team.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name:

Child's Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)