School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?
This is a plan that describes how Norton Park will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Norton Park 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 Norton Park 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?
Norton Park has jointly developed this policy and compact with our parents to describe how we will support the important role of parents in the education of their children. In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent(s). At Norton Park, we build capacity for parent/community involvement by implementing the six types of involvement: Parenting, Communications, Parent Volunteering, Learning at Home, Decision-making and Governance, and Collaboration and Exchanges in the Community. The policy will be distributed to Norton Park’s Partners in Education, along with Community Friends of Norton Park throughout the 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 policy. Norton Park will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. In cases where the students reside in Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent(s). Also, involve parents and family members of children receiving services under Title I in the decisions regarding how reserved funds are allotted for parent and family engagement activities, if the school system receives more than $500,000 Title I, Part A allocation and a percentage of the 1 percent reservation of funds is allocated to the school.

Where is it available?
The plan is available in the Front Office. The plan will also be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.
**Let’s Get Together!**

Norton Park Elementary 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 will be held a different time to meet all the scheduling needs of our families. Norton Park will send notifications home prior to each event as a reminder. All communications will be provided in an understandable language. Activities and topics based the needs identified by our parents’ surveys, will include:

**Meet & Greet – July 30, 2021**
Meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

**Annual Title I Meeting – August 31, 2021**
We invite you to a day 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 sent home and posted in the school’s website.

**Staff Professional Development #1 Building Staff Capacity Training – September 10, 2021**
Discussing the contribution of parents and strategies on improving parent communication.

**School Improvement Opportunity – October 13, 2021 & April 13, 2022**
A forum for parents and family members to participate and review our schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

**Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 19-22, 2021**
Scheduled updates on your child’s progress.

**Math Night - October 12, 2021**
Learn new strategies to help support your child at home. Review curriculum, standards and assessment.

**Literacy Night – November 9, 2021**
Learn new strategies to help support your child at home. Review curriculum, standards and assessment.

**Staff Professional Development #2 Building Staff Capacity Training – November 12, 2021**

**Science Night – January 20, 2022**
Learn new strategies to help support your child at home.

**Staff and Parents Professional Development #3 Building Staff Capacity Training – January 14, 2022**
Parents are invited to attend and participate in this training.

**Multicultural Night- March 15, 2022**

**Staff Professional Development #4 Building Staff Capacity Training – March 18, 2022**

**Transition into Kindergarten – March 2022**

**Transition into Middle School (Griffin & Floyd Middle School) – May 2022**

*We will have other activities that will be offered during the school year. We will communicate those events in multiple ways through Parent Vue, CTLS Parent, school website, fliers, marque, call out, text message and emails. ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.*
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, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Family Engagement
Parents will receive information from our school in a timely manner. Norton Park uses the following communication methods to provide parent with timely information:

- Weekly Folders
- Norton Park School Website
- Texts, Emails
- CTLS Parent
- ParentVue
- Twitter: @NPKEagles
- Like us on FB @NortonParkElementarySchool
- Instagram: nortonparkelementary
- Grade and Academic Reporting
- Agendas, Classroom newsletters, blogs
- Marquee, DoJo

If interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact:

Ms. Sianda I. Ruiz
Parent Facilitator at sianda.ruiz@cobbk12.org
Phone # (678)-842-5833, ext. 1101

Norton Park Elementary School will continue to build strong parent engagement!

In order to ensure effective involvement, we encourage all families to be education partners in their children’s school success by:

- Inviting parents to attend all meetings by giving the Norton Park Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- Inviting parents to serve on committees such as the School Council, School Improvement Plan Committee, Parent Policy/Compact Action Planning Committee, and the PTA Title I Planning Committee.
- Providing meetings held during the school day and outside school hours. These dates and times are listed in the Norton Park Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- Visiting our Parent Resource Center (Rm 0101, located in front of the Main Office) at any time during regular school hours of operation where materials are provided for check out. Parents can check out Grade Level Reading books, take home materials on various topics, make and take academic packets for parents to assist their children, books on child development, academic strategies, self-help strategies, and multiple games and books to increase student achievement, where materials are provided for check out. Various topics might include child development, academic homework strategies, self-help strategies, and multiple games and books to increase student achievement.
- Providing transitioning activities such as assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood programs and for helping students transition into Middle School. The transition of preschool students to Kindergarten consists of an orientation for students and parents, inviting local preschool students to tour the school, interact with Kindergarten teachers, students and the curriculum. A “Kindergarten Camp” will be established to aid in the transition from preschool to Kindergarten.
- Providing reasonable support such as snacks and transportation for after-school tutoring; transportation for students involved in 2 of our mentoring programs; childcare at school during parent informational nights; Meetings are offered during and after school hours for parental convenience.
- Providing the opportunity for regular meeting if parents requested by email directly with the teacher, calling the school office or contacting Sianda Ruiz, Parent Facilitator.
Parents and Community Members

Our school builds ties between home and school by educating teachers, pupil services personnel, administration, and other staff by gathering input from parents on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal educational partners. Our school partnerships with the local community.

Community Partnership

Atlanta Haws
Gas South
Chick-Fil- A
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Dunkin’ Donuts
Uncle Maddio’s Pizza
Willy’s Mexican Grill
Creatwood Tavern & Rooftop
Georgia State University
Kona Ice

School- Family and Community Involvement Committee

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

Parent’s Name: ___________________________________________________________

Child’s Name and Grade: ____________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________________________________________________

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 for Marilyn Gonzalez-Soto (Parent Facilitator):

Name: (optional) __________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: (optional) _____________________________________________

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