

Harper Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
for Shared Student Success
Grades K-5
2023-2024 School Year



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Harper Elementary is identified as 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 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 plan.



Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Success



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Harper Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Harper Elementary values the contributions and engagement 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 Harper Elementary will support parent and 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?

Harper Elementary School invited all parents and families to attend our annual input meetings on **March 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm and March 24, 2023 at 10:00 am** to review and revise the parent and family engagement plan, as well as the school wide plan, and our school-parent compact and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form located on the school website. The plan is posted on our school website, parent and family resource center room #403, and the front office for parents to view and post 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 spring survey online and send home with each student, to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents and family members can also give input and feedback during **Title I (FBI) Families Being Involved** virtual meetings and face-to-face 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. Harper Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, families in transition and foster care, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year a Title I packet which includes (PAFE Plan and Compact) is posted online and sent home with every student. The Plan will also be posted on the school website, in the front office and Parent and Family Resource Bulletin Board. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the Parent and Family Resource Center Room #403.

Last Revision Date 8-1-23



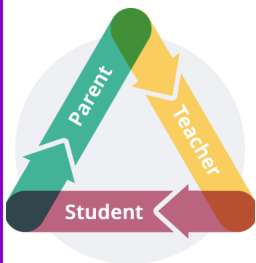
2023-2024 District Goals

By the end of the 2023 school year, Clayton County Public Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and/or Distinguished levels on the GMAS by at least 8 percentage points in each content area.

Harper Elementary School



To improve student proficiency in reading and math. This will be achieved by increasing the percentage of students scoring proficient on academic standards in these subjects by 8% within the 2023-2024 academic year.



As part of this plan, Harper Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will jointly 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. A copy of the school-parent compact is kept with each child's teacher or you can retrieve a copy from the Family Resource Center Room #403 or the School's Website.

Harper 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 at varying times in the morning, afternoon, evenings, and virtual to accommodate parents schedule.

Open House—July 31, 2023

Grade Level Parent Meetings—August 8th thru August 10th, 2023

Parent Input Meeting - August 22 & 24, 2023

Title I FBI (Families Being Involved) Team Meetings— September, November 2023; February and April 2024

Tea with Tara (Principals Corner) — October, December 2023 and February, April 2024

PTO Meetings— August, October, December 2023 and February, April 2024

School Orientation Night—?

Annual Title I Information Meeting - September 12 & 14 2023

(To inform parents about the Title I Program, and to explain your rights to be engaged)

Book Fair - September 11th thru 15th 2023

Grandparents Day - September 11, 2023

MALDEF (Mexican American Legal and Defense Fund) Parent Classes—September 2023 and February 2024

SES Parent Meetings—September 2023 and February 2024

Parent Teacher Conferences - September, October, December 2023: January, and March 2024

ESOL Day—October 3, 2023

DES Family - October 2023 and March 2024

Hispanic Heritage Celebration - October 24, 2023

Cancer Awareness Week—October 16-20, 2023

Pre-K Week—October 2023

Anti-Bully Month—October 2023

Red Ribbon Week—October 23-27, 2023

How-Learn-Ween (Reading), October 31, 2023

National Parent Engagement Month - November 2023

Veterans Day Celebration—November 10, 2023

Holidays Around the World—December, 2023

Black History Program—February 2024

Mardi Gras Celebration—February 13, 2024

Daddy Daughter Dance—February 2024

Read Across Harper - March 2024

Career Day - March 2024

Spring Input Meetings—March/April 2024

Mother/Son Prom—April 2024

Spring Fling—April 2024

(FBI) Families Being Involved End of the Year PAFE Assessment Meeting - April 2023

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

Kentucky Derby - May 2024

Fifth Grade Transition University - May 2024

Honors Ceremony—May 2024





Come visit the Parent and Family Resource Center to check out learning kits, books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. You may also visit the Virtual Parent and Family Engagement Resources Center to access academic resources. Computers are available for parents to explore the parent portal and educational resources. The Harper Elementary School Parent and Family Resource Center is located on the second hallway, behind the media center Room #403 across from the computer lab.
Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm



Harper Elementary believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents and family members play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.
- That parents and family members are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.
- That parents and family members 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.



Harper Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and families 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 and family programs, face-to-face and virtual meetings, and other activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, included in the school calendars, marquee, emails, Class DOJO, Infinite Campus, parent and family resource bulletin board.
- ◆ Provide monthly face-to-face and virtual trainings on parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with families.
- ◆ Partner with Pre-K, Head Start and Early Education programs to share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten. Improve school transition through our Kindergarten Kickoff and Fifth Grade Transition University.
- ◆ Harper Elementary FBI (Families Being Involved) Parent Academy will provide grade level educational workshops in English and Spanish to help parents and families understand the state’s academic standards and state’s student academic achievement standards, and academic assessments, as well as ways parents can monitor their child’s progress and work with educators. Face-to-face and virtual workshops will be held monthly at various times.
- ◆ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through email, flyers, marquee, class DOJO, school website and social media platforms.
- ◆ Work with our parents and families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our teachers and staff on the importance of parental and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ◆ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents and families at conferences, workshops, meetings, and activities to help families work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
- ◆ Partners in Education will be engaged with our school in a meaningful collaboration to increase students’ academic achievement. Partners in Education will be encouraged to become engaged in the school by volunteering in classrooms, providing virtual workshops, mentoring families, attending parent meetings as guest speakers, and provide resources for families. We will use our Partners in Education and Community Organizations to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school Parental and Family Engagement Plan.
- ◆ Offer literacy training using technology for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ◆ Collect feedback from parents face-to-face and virtual events, place suggestion/input forms on the school website in order to respond to parents’ requests for additional support for parental and family engagement activities.



Harper Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email our Parent Liaison Mrs. Neomia Coleman: neomia.coleman@clayton.k12.ga.us or (678) 479-2654 ext. 134125 or 470-871-2580 for further assistance.





PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

TITLE 1

FRAMEWORK

Harper Elementary and our families have adopted the Six Types of Parent and Families Engagement developed by Dr. Joyce Epstein. This framework assists educators in developing school and family partnership programs:

- Parenting
- Communicating
- Volunteering
- Learning at Home
- Decision-Making
- Collaborating with Community



BECOME AN AGENT ON THE HARPER

"FBI TEAM" (Families Being Involved)

Harper Elementary invites all parents to join the **(FBI) Families Being Involved Team** to share ideas and ways to engagement other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and virtual meetings, as well as through our parent survey and website. If you would like to learn more about the FBI Team, please contact the Parent Liaison,

Mrs. Coleman at neomia.coleman@clayton.k12.ga.us
678-479-2654 ext. 134125. or 470-871-2580



(FBI) FAMILIES BEING INVOLVED TEAM



Yes, I am interested and wish to join the FBI Team

- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the School Community Team.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings.

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please email neomia.coleman@clayton.k12.ga.us for the link to join electronically



We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan 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 Front Office or send to the Parent and Family Resource Center Room #403 or email our Title I Parent Liaison for the link to provide feedback electronically: neomia.coleman@clayton.k12.ga.us

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Email Address: (optional) _____

Suggestions/Observations _____

