

# Patterson Elementary School

2017-18 School Year  
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## Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Achievement

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**What is it?** This document is a plan that describes how **Patterson Elementary School** will provide opportunities to improve parent & family engagement to support student learning. **PES** values the contributions and involvement of parents & family members in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways **PES** will implement meaningful consultation with parents, family members, students, school staff, business leaders, philanthropic organizations and other stakeholders to support parent and family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it developed?** **PES** welcomes input and comments at any time regarding our plan to involve parents & family members. All parent & family member feedback will be considered for the revision of plans each year. Our plan is posted on our school website for families to view and give input throughout the year. Suggestions can be emailed to [ashleetodd@perce.k12.ga.us](mailto:ashleetodd@perce.k12.ga.us) or a copy of the online stakeholder feedback form can be sent to the school office. We also distribute an annual survey to all families to ask for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent & family engagement. During our **PES** Café meetings, parents & family members are able to give feedback about our parent & family engagement activities, and to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compacts, the District Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and the parent and family engagement budget for the upcoming school year.

**Who is it for?** All **PES** students and families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. **PES** will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents & family members with limited English proficiency, economically disadvantaged, limited literacy, any racial or ethnic minority background, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children, when feasible.

**Where is it available?** At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. Also, the plan is distributed in the local community. Parents & family members can request a copy of the plan at the front office, view a copy on the **PES** website, or retrieve a copy in the **PES** parent and family resource room.

## What is Title I?

*Pierce County Schools are identified as a Title I school district as part of Section 1116 of the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must work together with all families to develop a written parent and family engagement plan.*

## 2017-2018 District Goals

- ✓ High Academic Achievement
- ✓ Quality Teachers, Administrators, & Staff
- ✓ Supportive Learning Environment
- ✓ Effective, Efficient Operations
- ✓ Strong Parental & Community Support
- ✓ College & Career Readiness

**PES...**

***Where Excellence is  
the Standard***



### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, PES and our families will develop grade level school-parent compacts. These compacts are agreements developed by parents, family members, teachers, and students to explain how parents, families, and teachers will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards.

The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually, based on feedback from parents, family members, students, and teachers during Parent Café meetings. Each teacher has a copy of the compact to review with parents during parent/teacher conferences. Also, a copy of the compact is sent home with all students and posted on the school website.

**PES** welcomes parent & family member input and comments at any time regarding the following: **PES & District** Parent and Family Engagement Plans, the District Consolidated Application (CLIP), the **PES** Schoolwide Plan, the School-Parent Compacts, the District Needs Assessment, and the use of the required 1% of parent and family engagement funds.



## **Let's Get Together!**

**PES** will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, family members, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Look for dates and times not listed below on the PES Facebook page, the PES website, and Remind. Additionally, flyers to each event will be sent home with your child.

### **Pre-K Open House – Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

- ✓ Learn about the Pre-K program and meet your child's teacher.

### **Open House- Thursday, August 3, 2017**

- ✓ Tour the school, visit the classrooms, and meet your child's teachers along with our helpful, friendly school staff.

### **Mentor & Volunteer Training- Friday, August 18, 2017 at 8:30 am**

- ✓ Receive training and pertinent information to prepare you to be the best volunteer and/or mentor you can be!
- ✓ Receive training on 21<sup>st</sup> Century educational teaching strategies
- ✓ Volunteers and Mentors can be trained throughout the school year by contacting the school office at (912) 647-5373.

### **Annual Title I "Extravaganza"**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

#### **Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

- ✓ We invite you to a time of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent and family engagement plan, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent to all families and posted on the school website, in the school newsletter and with the local media.
- ✓ Experience the different areas of your child's academics
- ✓ Learn how to monitor your child's progress: Checking Infinite Campus Parent Portal, email alerts, and Remind for assignments
- ✓ Exploring different career choices in our community
- ✓ Georgia Milestones Assessment

### **Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Patterson Pride Recognition Ceremonies- Per 9 Weeks- October 19, 2017, January 17, 2018 and March 26, 2018**

- ✓ Students are recognized for academic achievements per 9 weeks.

### **"Table Talk" Workshops**

- ✓ Join us for a delicious lunch while gaining knowledge to support your child's educational success. Workshops are open to all Pierce County families! Invitations are sent to all families and posted on the school websites. Lunch is sponsored by our community partners. All workshops begin at **12:00 noon**.

**Date: 9/06/17**

**Location: Pierce County High**

**Topic: Assessment, Graduation & Beyond**

**Date: 10/4/17**

**Location: Patterson Elementary**

**Topic: Literacy & Reading Strategies**

**Date: 11/09/17**

**Location: Blackshear Elementary**

**Topic: Math Strategies to Help your Child**

**Date: 2/7/18**

**Location: Pierce County Middle**

**Topic: Technology Tips**

### **PES Cafés**

- ✓ Our **PES Cafés** will focus on what matters! Everyone's input, suggestions, and feedback is vital in addressing the needs and concerns of all stakeholders. During the **PES Cafés**, we will have authentic conversations to help build relationships and discuss ways to improve students' academic achievement and our parent and family engagement activities. Also, the **PES Cafés** will provide opportunities for you to assist in revising elements of our Title I program plans, school-parent compact, and budget. Join us for meetings at either

**7:45 am or 2:40 pm** on the following dates:

**Thursday, January 18, 2018**

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**

### **Kindergarten Transition Night- March 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm**

- ✓ We encourage all upcoming kindergarten parents and family members to come to PES to meet teachers, tour the school, and learn everything you need to know to make your child's first day at PES successful. You will learn about Kindergarten curriculum.

### **Moving to Middle School- May 3, 2018 at 5:30 pm**

- ✓ Orientation for next year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and family members to discuss the transition from elementary to middle school. More information will be advertised on the PCMS & PES website, Facebook page, and sent home with your child.
- ✓ Digital Footprint Discussion/Social Media Discussion

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Program- May 2018**

- ✓ We invite parents and family members to come and support our recognition of student achievement.

### **Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony- May 2018**

- ✓ **This is a night of academic recognition for all Kindergarten students promoting them to the First Grade.**

### **New Student/Parent Tours- Offered as needed when new students enroll at PES.**

- ✓ Learn helpful information to prepare for a successful school year at PES as a new student and parent.

## Parent and Family Engagement

**PES** believes that parent and family engagement is the participation of families in regular two-way and meaningful communication. This involves student academic learning and other school activities ensuring that...

1. Parents and family members play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
2. Parents and family members are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
3. Parents and family members are 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;
4. Other activities as described in this plan are carried out.

### Parent and Family Resource Room

Come visit the Parent and Family Resource Room to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for families to check their student's grades on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Check out our **"Virtual"** Pierce County Family Resource Room on Pinterest for engaging resources to support your child's learning at home! Our **"Virtual"** resource room has valuable activities for Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, including instructional videos from Pierce County teachers! Visit the site at...

[www.pinterest.com/pcresourceroom/](http://www.pinterest.com/pcresourceroom/)



### Parent and Family Engagement Standards

**PES** and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, family members, students, and the community. These standards are as follows:

- Welcoming all Families into the School Community
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with the Community

**PES** is committed to helping our families attend the parent and family engagement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare and/or translation services, when feasible, in order to participate in our events.

**912.647.5373**

[ashleetodd@pierce.k12.ga.us](mailto:ashleetodd@pierce.k12.ga.us)

Translation Services - (912) 281-3249



# PES

## Supports Our Families!

**PES** 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 family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish (to the extent feasible), and posted on the school website.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to improve communication with families and ideas to increase parent and family engagement.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs to share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents, family members, and their student for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Partner with Pierce County Middle School to share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents, family members, and their student for middle school and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish (to the extent feasible) on the school website for parents and family members to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents and family members can monitor their student's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, flyers, and Remind.
- ✓ Work with our parents and family members to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff and families on the importance of parent and family engagement. Listen and respond to families' requests for additional support for students' academic needs.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents and family members at conferences, meetings, and activities to help them work with their student to improve their student's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders, philanthropic organizations and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parent and family engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Use our PES Cafés to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at school events, place input cards by suggestion box in the main lobby and post stakeholder feedback form on the school website in order to respond to parents' and family members' requests for additional support for parental and family engagement activities.

## PES Parent Café Meetings

PES invites all families to join the PES Parent Café meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The meetings will occur two times during the school year, but parents/families can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys, website and suggestion box. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Café, please contact Ashlee Todd, School Counselor, at **912.647.5373** or complete the "Sign Me Up" form below.



### Sign Me Up!

**Please complete below and return to your child's teacher.**

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the PES Parent Café team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the PES Parent Café team.
- I would like to be involved in one of the following ways: (select below)
  - Special Events
  - Mentoring a Child
  - Fall Festival
  - Field Days
  - School Volunteer
  - Grade Level Volunteer Opportunities
  - Committees
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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 or leave your comments in the Suggestion Box located by the main office.

Name: (optional)

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Telephone Number: (optional)

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Comments:

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