

**Cherokee Ridge Elementary School
Parent Involvement Plan**



2018 – 2019 School Year

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What is Title 1?

Cherokee Ridge Elementary School is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title 1 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 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Cherokee Ridge Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Cherokee Ridge Elementary School values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Cherokee Ridge Elementary School will support parent engagement and how parents can help and participate in activities and events to promote learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Cherokee Ridge Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. For families without Internet access, paper copies of the survey will be made available on the information table outside the front office. Parents can also give feedback during any of our Family Engagement events.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title 1, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Residential facilities in our district are included in our parent involvement activities and correspondences. Cherokee Ridge Elementary School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with all students. The plan will also be available in the parent resource center, front office, and on the school website <http://www.cre.walkerschools.org>.

2018-19 District Goals

By May 2020, increase by 9% the number of students performing at or about proficiency in ELA in grades 3-8 as measured by the Georgia Milestones End of the Grade Assessments.

2018-19 School Goals

Increase the number of students meeting proficient as measured by the GMAS ELA/Reading by 3% or higher.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Cherokee Ridge Elementary School and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how each party will work together to ensure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers at the Spring Pastries for Parents breakfast. The compacts are kept on file with the parent involvement coordinator if parents would like a copy.

Opportunities for Family Involvement at CRE

Cherokee Ridge Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – August 2018

Meet your child's teachers and our friendly and helpful school staff.

All Pro Dad – September, October, November, January, February, March & April

All Pro Dad provides an opportunity for dads to spend time with their children which in turn will strengthen their relationship, as well as benefit the child's school and the entire community.

Annual Title 1 Meeting- October 2018

This is a very informative meeting where parents will learn about our Title 1 program, including our parent involvement policy, our school wide plan, and our school-parent compacts. WE ARE EXCITED to present this year's meeting via Facebook Live.

Fall Family Reading Night-October 2018

Learn how to make reading fun at home with helpful instruction from your child's teacher, also make-it and take-it reading games, book give always, fun reading activities parents and students can experience together.

School to Home-Technology for Making the Connection- October 2018

Find out how to use current technology such as PowerSchool to stay connected with how your child is doing at school Learn about Google Classroom and view assignments, videos and other learning strategies being made available to you child. Raz-Kids and Education Galaxy reading programs will also be demonstrated.

Thanksgiving Lunch & Learn – grades K-2 – November 2018

Have a delicious Thanksgiving lunch with your child while participating in a learning activity too! Teachers will also use this opportunity to meet and discuss student progress and learning goals.

Christmas Lunch & Learn – grades 3 – 5 – December 2018

Have a delicious Christmas lunch with your child while participating in a learning activity too! Teachers will also use the opportunity to meet and discuss student progress and learning goals.

Georgia Milestones Test Information Night – January 2019

Learn how you can help your child prepare for the Georgia Milestones Test.

STEAM Night – February 2019

Join our activity teachers, Mrs. Britton, Mr. MacDonald and Mrs. Seymour via Facebook live for STEAM projects that you and you child can enjoy together at home.

Family Engagement Meeting– May 2019

Parents are invited to come and enjoy light refreshments as we ask for meaningful input into revising the family engagement plan, compact, 1% set aside and building school staff capacity.

Transition Meeting for 5th Grade Parents-May 2019

Parents of current fifth graders are invited to learn about the expectations, policies, and opportunities for rising middle school students which include opportunities to visit the two Middle Schools, parent night at the Middle Schools, and an informational online video for students and parents to view.

Parental Involvement

Cherokee Elementary School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular, meaningful, two-way 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.

Support for Parents

Cherokee Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental involvement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Cherokee Elementary School Wants to Help Parents

Cherokee Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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, and posted on the school website, Facebook, and included in the school newsletter for all parents.
- √ Share information on the school website, Facebook, Twitter, and 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 school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, flyers, Facebook, Twitter, and newsletters.
- √ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- √ Provide necessary materials for parents at meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- √ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- √ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

School Council

Cherokee Ridge Elementary School invites all parents to join our School Council Meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The School Council will meet once every quarter at 7:30 a.m. in the Media Center. In addition to the School Council meetings, parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys located on our website. If you would like to learn more about our School Council, please contact Diane Fowler at (706) 375-9831 or dianefowler@walkerschools.org

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Cherokee Ridge 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

Cherokee Ridge Elementary School Council Members

Christy Arnold – Staff Representative
Jill Generazio – Staff Representative
Leslie Myers – Parent Representative (Facilitator)
Jessica Cope – Parent Representative
Jennifer Shankle – Parent Representative
Chari Watson – Parent Representative
Travis Middleton – Community Representative
Michael Savadge – Community Representative

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have 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 main office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Comments:
