

Clifftondale Elementary School (CES)

*Parent and Family Engagement Plan
for Shared Student Success*

2023-2024 School Year

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What is Title I?

Clifftondale Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of 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 members a written parent and family engagement plan.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Clifftondale Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Clifftondale Elementary School 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 the school 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?

Clifftondale Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Parent Input Meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-family 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. Clifftondale Elementary School 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?

The plan is posted on the CES website. It is also sent home by scholars in their VIP folders at the end of September. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2023-2024 District Goals:

- Increase graduation rate by 2.5% from summer 2023 to summer 2024.
- Increase percentage of students meeting grade level expectations on the reading/language arts Georgia Milestones by 3% from summer 2023 to summer 2024.

Clifftondale Elementary School Goals

- Sixty-five percent (65%) of students in grades K-5 will perform at Tier 1 (on or above grade level) as measured by the i-Ready Reading Diagnostic by May 2024.
- Increase the percentage of 3rd-5th grade students performing at proficient (Level 4) on the Georgia Milestones ELA Assessment from 32% (FY23) to 42% (FY 24) by May 2024.
- Sixty percent (60%) of students in grades K-5 will perform at Tier 1 (on or above grade level) as measured by i-Ready Math Diagnostic by May 2024.
- Increase the percentage of 3rd-5th grade students performing at proficient (Level 3) or distinguished (Level 4) on the Georgia Milestones Mathematics Assessment from 35% (FY23) to 45 % (FY24) by May 2024.

School-Family Compacts

As part of this plan, Clifftondale Elementary School and our families will develop a school-family 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 Parent Input Meeting.

The school-family compacts are also shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.



Let's Get Together!

Clifftondale 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.



Open House – August 3, 2023

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

Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September 26, 2023

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

Curriculum Night—September 26, 2023

Learn helpful information to prepare scholars for a successful school year.

Parent-Teacher Conferences—October 2023 or upon request

Schedule a conference with your scholar's teacher to receive updates on your scholar's progress.

Literacy Workshop—October 4, 2023 *Learn how to make reading fun and provide reading support at home.*

Technology Workshop—November 1, 2023

Provide materials to help parents navigate Infinite Campus. Catch up with the latest resources to help support your scholar's learning.

STEAM Night – December 12, 2023

Explore the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through interactive and engaging activities.

Math Workshop—February 2024

Explore mathematics through real-life experiences to help your child at home.

Assessment Workshop March 6, 2024

Join us to learn about the different types and purposes of assessments used in Fulton County Schools.

Stakeholders Input Meeting—March 26, 2024

Provide an opportunity for parents and families to discuss school-family compacts and developing plans for building school staff capacity and family engagement budgets with principal and staff.

Pre-K to Kindergarten Transition Meeting – April 30, 2024

Experience a day in the life of a kindergartener! Learn about the requirements and expectations for rising scholars.

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.

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Parent and Family Engagement

Cliftdale Elementary School 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.

Cliftdale Elementary School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child-care or transportation to participate in our programs.

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Cliftdale Elementary School is Branching Out!

Cliftdale Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in 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 monthly 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 faculty meetings.
- ✓ 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 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 plan.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ The residential facilities for students in the Cliftdale ES attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Cliftdale Elementary School 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

School Community Team

Cliftdale Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. 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 school at 470-254-4070.



School Community Team

- 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.

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 and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____