

Pepperell High School
School, Parent, and Family
Engagement Policy and Plan for
Shared Student Success
2016-2017 School Year



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What is Title I?

Pepperell High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). 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 parental involvement. All Title I 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 Pepperell High School will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Pepperell High School values the contributions and involvement of parents and families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Pepperell High 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 developed?

Pepperell High School welcomes parent input and comments at any time during the school year regarding the plan. In May 2016, families were presented with Title I documents and the School-Wide Plan to be utilized at PHS. This plan is posted on our school website for feedback throughout the year. We will distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I School-Wide Plan, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Pepperell High School will provide full opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities, and families of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, a copy of the School-Wide was presented at the Freshman Focus and was sent home to parents. Parents and families can also retrieve a copy of the plan on the school website or by picking up a copy located in the front office.





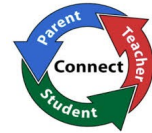
Floyd County District Goals

The Floyd County Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The overarching district goals for 2016-2017 are:

- ◇ Increase the graduation rate by supporting the goal of “Destination Graduation” for every child.
- ◇ Increase student achievement on state assessments and college entrance exams.
- ◇ Enhance digital learning through technology.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Pepperell High School and families will develop a school-parent, family compact. This is an agreement that parents, families, teachers, and students will develop together explaining how all involved will work to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, families, students, and teachers.



Let’s Get Together!

Pepperell High School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, families and the community to improve student academic achievement.

- ⇒ **July 30, 2016 Welcome Back:** Pick up schedule and meet teachers. Title I Compact and Policy was distributed along with feedback request.
- ⇒ **August 24, 2016-Annual Title I Meeting:** Parents and teachers will learn and share information about the Title I School-Wide Program, including our parent involvement policy, the school-wide plan, and the school parent-compacts. Invitations will be sent home.
- ⇒ **October 11, 2016: “The Facts of Life After High School”** Families will be invited to a workshop involving college and work readiness information. The Department of Labor and the local technical college will present.
- ⇒ **October-Parent Conference Month:** Individual student conferences will be scheduled for Academic Advisement and progress monitoring.
- ⇒ **November 3, 2016-PHS Open House:** Parents and community members will be invited to “meet the teachers” and tour the school. Title I budget and updates will also be presented.
- ⇒ **March 9, 2017-Standardized Testing Information:** Information regarding GA Milestones, and End of Course testing will be shared with parents and community members.
- ⇒ **Local School Governance Team** The LSGT is the method the school uses to get the community, parents, and teachers involved in decision-making to maximize educational opportunities for children. Meeting dates:

September 14, 2016 October 19, 2016 November 16, 2016 December 14, 2016 January 18, 2017
February 15, 2017 March 8, 2017 April 5, 2017 May 10, 2017 June 7, 2017

Other events will take place during the year to encourage family and community support. Check school website for up-to-date information.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

The adults in students' lives are important to their education!

Pepperell High School believes that parent engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities by ensuring that:

- **Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.**
- **Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.**
- **Parents and families are full partners in their child's education and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.**
- **The carrying out of their activities as described in this plan.**



We encourage you to visit the Floyd County BOE website to check out resources available to help their child. (www.floydboe.net)

Parental Tips from the Floyd County Board of Education:

- **Be generous with praise**
- **Encourage “personal best”**
- **Make learning a priority**
- **Show interest in school work**
- **Offer suggestions for success**
- **Schedule study time**

Pepperell High School is committed to providing multiple opportunities for parental engagement throughout the school year. Please be on the lookout for fliers. Also check the website regularly. (www.pepperellhigh.com)

**Georgia Department of Education Information for Parents
Website: <http://bit.ly/gadoeparentinformation>**

Georgia Department of Education wants to encourage families to realize the benefits of parental engagement and take advantage of information available that leads to the academic success of children. The goals are to enhance the abilities of parents across the state to participate effectively in their children's education, and to improve student achievement through expanded and effective use of parental involvement programs.

YOU MATTER!! We are here for you!

If you have any questions or comments, please call the school or stop by for a visit.

Pepperell High School

Motivate, Educate, Graduate

Pepperell High School 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, family programs, meetings, and other activities is available in both English and Spanish (as needed), and included in the school newsletter, school website, and/or by an automated school call.
- * Provide staff development on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for communicating and building partnerships with families.
- * Share information in multiple languages as needed in classroom memos as well as student conferences. This allows families to have a better understanding of the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the way to monitor student progress and work with educators.
- * Communicate with families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wired events and activities through the use of phone messages, social media, website, and fliers.
- * Survey families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations on the importance of parental engagement.
- * Provide necessary materials at conferences, meetings, and activities to help families 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 engagement plan and activities.
- * Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental engagement activities.

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan you feel is not necessary with the students' and schools' goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the school office:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone Number _____

School-Family Compacts

Pepperell High School invites everyone to join us in sharing ideas and ways to improve partnerships with school, families, and the community. You may submit your ideas or suggestions to administration or any member of the Local School Governance Team. We encourage you to complete our annual Title I survey. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Academic Interventionist at 706-236-1844 ext. 7245 or complete the interest form and leave it in the school office.

