

Villa Rica Elementary School

## Parent and Family Engagement Plan



2020-2021

Revision Date: September 10, 2020

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## ***Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success***

***2020-2021 School Year***

*Villa Rica Elementary School  
314 Peachtree Street  
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### **What is Title I?**

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Villa Rica Elementary receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Villa Rica Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Villa Rica Elementary encourages the input of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement and providing premiere experiences. This plan describes 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 the school and at home.

### **How is it revised?**

Villa Rica Elementary invited all parents along with teachers in the month July to engage in reviewing the School Wide Plan, the Family Engagement Plan, School Parent Compact, and the Family Engagement Budget. Parent input and comments are solicited at a separate input meeting as well as through an online form on the Villa Rica Elementary website. 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 and by mail 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. Villa Rica Elementary 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 located on the school website and a hard copy will be in the parent engagement notebook in our Parent Engagement Center (in the front office), and with our Family Engagement Coordinator.

### **Jointly Developed?**

The following plan was jointly developed with parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Please contact the CCS Director of Federal Programs, [heather.herring@carrollcountyschools.com](mailto:heather.herring@carrollcountyschools.com), if you feel that this plan is not satisfactory.

## ***2020-2021 District Goals***

- The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestone Assessment (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessment will increase by 3% points.
- The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestone Assessment (GMAS) Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by 3% points.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan VRE and parents will jointly develop a school compact that will:

- Links to goals of our School Improvement Plan
- Focuses on student learning skills
- Describe strategies parents can use at home to strengthen students' skills
- Shares strategies parents can use at home
- Explains how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom and in the school in general

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

Villa Rica 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 3-24, 2020 (by appointment)***

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

### ***Annual Title I Meeting – September 11, 20120 9:00 am***

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

### ***Annual Title I Input Meeting – August 7, 2019 9:30 am and 3:30 pm***

We offer an opportunity to give input about the plan that has been created.

### ***Cluster Celebration (TBD – will be scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks based on Covid data)***

Learn helpful information about the various activities and opportunities within different schools in the cluster

### ***Curriculum Night K-1 October 15, 2020 (virtually)***

Parents will have an opportunity to hear the latest updates about K-1 curriculum and assessments.

### ***Curriculum Night 2-3 October 15, 2020 (virtually)***

Parents will have an opportunity to hear the latest updates about K-1 curriculum and assessments.

### ***Curriculum Night 4-5 October 15, 2020 (virtually)***

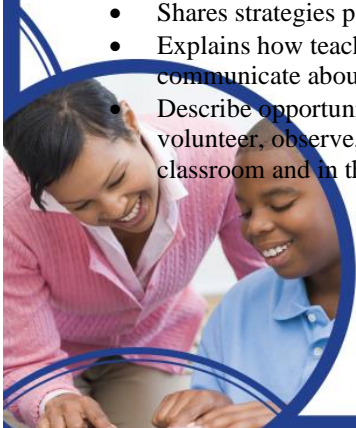
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### ***Google Classroom Parent University – August 20, 2020***

Parents learn helpful information about how to help their child navigate the Google Classroom platform.

### ***Parent Advisory Council Meeting - September 23, 2020***

Discuss additional ways that parents can be involved and gain input from parents.



## Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Chrombooks or Ipads may be provided for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

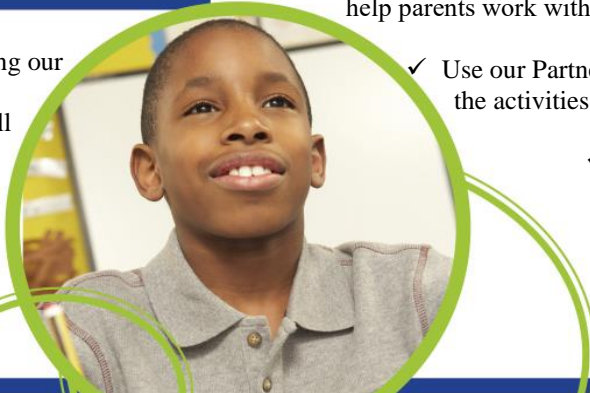
## Parent and Family Engagement

Villa Rica Elementary 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.

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

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(770) 459-5762 or  
[alison.lyle@carrollcountyschools.com](mailto:alison.lyle@carrollcountyschools.com)



## Villa Rica Elementary is Branching Out!

Villa Rica Elementary 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 parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in school newsletters and Wildcat Weekly phone messages 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 on the school website and in school newsletters 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.
- ✓ Inform parents of student assessment results individually during parent teacher conferences. Provide interpreters as needed.
- ✓ 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 policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input card around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



### 2020-2021 School Goals

On the 2020 GMAS, increase the student performance in reading and mathematics by 3 percent.

*The focus for reading is:*

*K-1: Beginning sounds and sight words*

*K-4: Critical Vocabulary*

*K-5: Increased rigor in reading passages*

*The focus for math is:*

*K-6: Place value and estimation, fluency*

### School Community Team

Villa Rica Elementary invites all parents to join the PTO to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. We will have a designated amount of meetings during the school year, but 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 PTO, please contact the principal at (770) 459-5762 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



## PTO

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the PTO.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the PTO.
- 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 policy 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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