***Nicholls School Parent Involvement Policy***

***2018-2019***

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*What is Title 1?*

*Nicholls Elementary 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 the challenging state academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.*

**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. Nicholls Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.*

***Description of School Parental Involvement Plan***

**What is it?**

*This is a plan that describes how Nicholls Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Nicholls Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Nicholls Elementary will support parent 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?**

*Nicholls Elementary School establishes a Parent Advisory Committee to help provide suggestions/recommendations and advisement on all matters related to parental involvement. The school involves parents in an organized ongoing and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I Program through parent advisory councils, school governing council, and surveys. Parent involvement policies and programs may be revised based upon assessment information and input received. All parents are invited to attend an annual meeting to inform them of their school’s Title 1 participation, explain Title 1, and its requirements and parents’ right to be involved in the process.*

**The Nicholls School Parent Involvement Plan is distributed in multiple ways:**

* Paper copies are sent home with students and distributed at the Annual Title I Parent Meeting
* Paper copies are stored in the Parent Resource Center, the media center, and the front office
* NES Facebook Page
* An electronic copy can be found on the school website:

<http://nichollselem.ga.cce.schoolinsites.com/>

* Parent-Tips Board

2018-2019 School Goals

**NES K - 2 students will:**

 increase by 3% the number of students meeting the DIBELS Spring Benchmark Assessment

 score 80% or above on the NES Math Fluency Assessment

**NES 3rd - 5th grade students will:**

 increase by 3% the number of students reading at or above grade level in Reading in grades 3-5 as measured by the Georgia Milestones assessment

 increase by 3% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in Extended Response and Narrative Writing as measured by the Georgia Milestones assessment

 increase by 3% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in Math in grades 3-5 as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment

Nicholls Elementary is “Reaching Out to Parents!”

Nicholls 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 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.

 Opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child’s class or school and observe classroom activities are provided to the extent practicable

 Provide assistance to parents in understanding the academic content and assessments, as well as how to monitor their child’s progress and work with educators.

 Student progress-reports and report cards are distributed on scheduled intervals, keeping parents aware of student’s progress. Two scheduled parent/teacher conferences are held in the fall and spring of each year.

 Provide materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.

 Educate teachers, pupil services personnel, the principal and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and how to reach out and communicate with parents to implement and coordinate parent programs.

 Coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, public and private preschools and other programs, and provide resources such as a parent resource center that encourages and supports parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

 Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parental involvement activities.

 Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, by placing input cards around the building for parents to make requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

***2018-2019 District Goals***

 The Coffee County School System will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Developing level or above in English Language Arts on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Assessment.

 The Coffee County School System will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Developing level or above in Mathematics on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Assessment.

**Definition of Parental Involvement**

At Nicholls School, we believe parent involvement should support meaningful communication involving academic achievement and other school activities, and participation in regular two-way communication. Parent involvement is encouraged in a variety of ways:

* Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
* Parents are expected to be actively involved in their child’s education and school activities
* Parents are full partners and included in decision making about their child’s education
* Collaboration with the community to support school goals and student success

School-Parent Compacts

Nicholls Elementary and our families developed a school-parent compact. A school-parent compact is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop explaining how parents and teachers will work together to ensure all our students reach and exceed grade level standards. The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during spring revision meetings. Nicholls will use these compacts throughout the year as an agreement to work as a team and strive for excellence in the education of our students. Copies are provided to each parent.

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

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*Nicholls 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. Please check the school newsletter, Peach Jar, and Facebook for times and reminders of events!*

**School wide Parent Involvement Activities for 2018-2019**

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| ***Date/Time*** | ***Event*** | ***Date/Time*** | ***Event*** |
|  |  | January 25th | Honor’s Assembly12:45 |
| August 9th4:00-6:00 | Elementary Open House  |  |  |
|  |  | February 7th  | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| August 28th6:00-6:30 | Title I Annual Parent Meeting |  |  |
| August 28th6:30-7:00 | PTOPBIS Parent Training | March 1st | Blast from the Past6:00 |
| September 13th | Parent Teacher Conferences | March 21st6:00-6:30-PTO6:30-7:00 | Wax MuseumPTO  |
| October 26th | Honor’s Assembly12:45  | March 29th | Honor’s Assembly |
| October 11th6:00-6:30 PTO6:30-7:00 Math Carnival | PTO Meeting Family Math Night  (Grades 3-5) | May  | Title 1 Document Revisions Meeting |
| December 6th6:00 | Christmas Reading Night | May 20,21,22 | Final Honors ProgramsK-1, 2-3, 4-55th Grade Graduation |

Nicholls School will provide support for parental involvement activities that will encourage a partnership among the school, parents, and community to improve student achievement.

* Annual Title 1 Meeting
* PTO
* Fine Arts Night
* Open House
* Parent Teacher Conference Days
* Christmas Reading Night
* Blast from the Past
* Family Math Night
* Honors Assemblies
* PASS Training
* Mystery Readers



 **Parent and Family Engagement**

**Nicholls Elementary will provide support for parental involvement activities and actions that will strengthen student academic achievement by holding the following grade level and content specific parent workshops in addition to school wide activities.**

**Ensuring that:**

 Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.

 Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.

 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.

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**These standards are:**

 Welcoming All Families

Communicating Effectively

Supporting Student Success

Speaking Up for Every Child

Sharing Power

Collaborating with Community

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**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 in our Media Center for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. Our Parent-Resource Center is located in our Professional Learning Room in A-6.

*Monday—Friday*

*7:00am-3:00pm*