



**Georgia Department of Education
School Level Parental Involvement Policy
(Template Two)**

Schools, in consultation with parents, may use the sample template below as a framework for the information to be included in their parental involvement policy. Schools are not required to follow this sample template or framework, but if they establish the school's expectations for parental involvement and include all of the components listed, then they will have incorporated the information that section 1118(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requires for the school level parental involvement policy.

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each school that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy, agreed on by such parents, that contains information required by section 1118 (b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) (school parental involvement policy). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parental involvement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parental involvement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

***NOTE:** Schools, in consultation with parents, are encouraged to include other relevant and agreed upon activities and actions, as well, that will support effective parental involvement and strengthen student academic achievement. If schools choose to use the following template, page 5 of this document provides additional space for schools to include these actions and additional activities in their school parental involvement policy. Additionally, schools are not required to use the parent comment form that is provided on page 5; however, this is provided as one method that schools can use to submit parent comments with the plan to the LEA as required by section 1118 (c)(5).*

**Burruss Elementary School Parent
Involvement Plan
2016-2017 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Burruss Elementary 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 parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Burruss Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Burruss 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 Burruss 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 developed? Burruss 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 and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and for the use of funds for parent involvement.

Who is it for? All Burruss students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Burruss Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan will be available on the school web site and posted in the school office. Parents may request a paper copy in the office.

Let's Work Together!

Parents are welcomed at A L Burruss Elementary as a vital part of the educational process. Bi-annual Conference Weeks, regular home/school communication, and multiple opportunities for parents to interact with their children and their child's teacher foster a strong partnership between parents and staff. Parents can volunteer in the classroom, media center or assist in the many programs offered to our students such as Math Sleuths, Odyssey of the Mind, Reading Bowl, Reading Key Club, Literary Guild, Chattahoochee Nature Center and drama programs.

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or observe in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher, the school office or PTA. Parents may attend School Governance Team meetings as published on the monthly school calendar.

2016-2017 Marietta City District Goals

Goal 1: All students will reach high standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading/language arts and mathematics.

Goal 2: All limited English proficient students will become proficient in English and reach high academic standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading/language arts and mathematics.

Goal 3: All students will be taught by highly qualified teachers

Goal 4: All students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug free, and conducive to learning.

Goal 5: All students will graduate from high school.

2016-2017 A. L. Burruss Goals

Burruss students will increase proficiency in verbal and written expression and deepen understanding in all curriculum areas through engagement in inquiry-based learning and interdisciplinary study. This deeper understanding will be reflected in the following measurable goals:

- 50% of Burruss students will achieve their projected growth score on the spring MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) reading test.
- 50% of Burruss students will achieve their projected growth score on the spring MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) math test.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Burruss Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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 Open House, parent involvement committee meeting and SGT review. The school-parent compacts will be available during September conference week for discussion and signing.

2017-2016 Calendar of Parent Involvement Activities

Monthly	3:35 PM Parent Involvement topics shared with staff members
August 1	6:00 – 7:00 pm Kindergarten Parent Night: Curriculum Orientation
August 2	8:30-10:00 AM Sneak A Peek and School Governance Team Parent Election
August 3	8:15-8:45 AM Tears and Cheers - New Parent Breakfast
August 11	6:30 PM 1st Grade Parent Night: Curriculum Orientation
August 17	6:30 PM 2nd Grade Parent Night: Curriculum Orientation
August 20	6:00 PM 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Grade Parent Night: Curriculum Orientation
August 30	6:30 PM PTA Meeting and Classroom Open House: MCS and Burruss Parent Involvement Plan and Compact available for review and comment
September 8	10:30-12:30 International Literacy Day Activities/Grandparent's Day Lunch
September 19- 23	Conference Week: parent/teacher conferences
October 2	Compacts and Parent Involvement Plan are shared and signed by parents
October 13	Annual Title 1 Meeting
February 13-17	Conference Week: parent/teacher conferences

Parental Involvement

Burruss Elementary believes parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Burruss Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental 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.

Contact your child's teacher or school staff at
770-429-3144

School / Home Partnership

A. L. Burruss Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important partner with the school to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- ✓ Maintain updated teacher web pages and provide information to parents via email, notes, weekly communication envelopes, and meetings. Conferences will provide opportunities to support parents in understanding the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Hold annual Parent Forums to provide parents opportunities to learn and to give feedback to administration.
- ✓ Ensure information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the weekly Burruss Express for all parents.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for parents and their children to engage in activities designed to increase learning.
- ✓ Conduct professional development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, such as phone messages, school marquee, and flyers.
- ✓ 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/guardians requests for additional support for parental involvement activities and staff development. Involve parents through the Parent Involvement Committee and Title I Parent Involvement meetings to review the Compact, Parent Involvement Plan, and Calendar of the Activities.

Parent Involvement Team

Burruss Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Involvement Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Involvement Team, please contact the principal at 770 429-3144 or complete the interest form and leave it in the school office.

Parent Involvement Team

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Involvement Team
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Involvement Team

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____



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Parent Involvement Standards

At A.L. Burruss School we build capacity for parent/community involvement by implementing the six types of involvement:

- **Welcoming All Families Into the School Community**
- **Communicating Effectively**
- **Supporting Student Success**
- **Speaking Up For Every Child**
- **Sharing Power**
- **Collaborating with Community**

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 school office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
