

Rockmart High School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
and Plan for Shared Student Success

2022-2023 School Year

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What is Title I?

Rockmart High School (RHS) 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 school must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

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

Rockmart High School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be saved and 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 online and have paper copies upon request to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our Spring Title I meeting and the district community meeting with school leaders to revise the plan for the upcoming school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title 1, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Rockmart High School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student packet that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will post the plan on the school website under the Parent Involvement tab. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center. This room is located in the front office. The front office is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additional information is available at this location.

2022-2023 District Goals

Goal 1: Student Success

Increase student achievement and post-secondary opportunities
Improve Literacy for all students
Foster growth and development of the whole child

Goal 2: Professional Excellence

Hire and retain an exemplary workforce
Provide High Quality Professional Learning
Ensure continuous improvement in professional capacity

Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement

Increase community involvement and stakeholder partnerships
Enhance communication and branding efforts of the district
Create a positive culture and climate throughout the district

Goal 4: Operational Effectiveness

Provide a safe and secure environment
Plan and adapt for change
Manage departments with efficiency

2022-2023 School Goals

Goal 1: Increase student achievement and post-secondary opportunities

Goal 2: Improve literacy for all students

School-Parent Compacts

Let's Get Together!

Rockmart High School 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.

- **Freshman Orientation - July 2022**

This is a meeting for parents and students to go over policies, meet the administration, tour the school and meet the teachers and staff.

- **Open House - July 2022**

Meet your child's teacher and the school staff. Tour the school.

- **Annual Title I Meeting - September 2022**

We invite you to learn about our Title I program. At the meeting, the Parent Involvement Policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parent's guidelines. Flyers will be sent home, posted on social media, and posted on the school website.

- **Parent Financial Aid meeting - October 2022**

This is an informative meeting for parents about types of aid available for students. Parents receive assistance with filling out financial aid forms.

- **Dual Enrollment/AP Classes Meeting- January 2023**

This meeting is for parents/students to learn information about the dual enrollment program and AP classes offered at RHS.

- **College Fair Night - March 2023**

Colleges set up, answer questions, and give out brochures.

- **Annual Title I Spring Input meeting - April 2023**

As part of this plan, Rockmart High School 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 Spring Title I Meeting. The signed school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher and a copy is given to the parents. Residential facilities in our school attendance area are included in the parental involvement correspondence and activities.

We value parent input and this is a chance for you to voice your opinion and be involved. We will review the documents that go home with students at the beginning of the school year. We will also review the results of the spring parent survey.

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center. There are many educational resources available. You can check out study materials and activities to use at home with your child. Monday – Friday, 7:45 am -4:00 pm

Parent and Family Involvement

Rockmart High School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including:

- 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.

Rockmart High School is family friendly!

Rockmart High School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in an attempt 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.
- ✓ Conduct staff development each year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ 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 flyers 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

Rockmart High School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the 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 scheduled events.

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- school wide events and activities, such as 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 parental involvement.
 - ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents 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 involvement plan and activities.
 - ✓ Offer literacy classes to enhance various educational levels.
 - ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at events in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Strategies

Rockmart High School uses the Georgia Building Parent Capacity as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. The strategies are:

- Providing assistance to families on understanding Georgia's academic content standards.
- Providing materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement.
- Providing staff development on ways to reach out to parents and welcome their input.
- Providing coordination and collaboration with agencies such as Head Start, Pre-K, and preschool programs to encourage and support parents.
- Providing information to parents in a family friendly language.
- Providing other reasonable support and welcome suggestions as parents may request.

School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about 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: _____

School Community Team

Rockmart High School invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Parents are asked to submit ideas or suggestions during all activities, meetings, and through parent surveys and websites. If you would like to submit a suggestion, please contact the school Parent Involvement Coordinator, Amanda Mohon (amohon@polk.k12.ga.us) at 770-684-5432 or complete the suggestion form and drop it off at the main office at RHS.

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) _____
