

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy

Parent and Family Engagement Plan School Year 2020-21

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What is Title I?

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy is identified as a Title I school. 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 engagement. All Title I schools must jointly-develop with all parents a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan.



Description of Parent and Family Engagement Plan

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Clark Creek Elementary values the contributions and engagement of parents and families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that our school will support parent and family engagement and how parents and families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



How is it developed?

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy invited all parents to attend our annual Parent Revision Meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, our teacher-parent-student compact, and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and a paper copy as needed to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy operates a school-wide Title I program. All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy 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 School Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be posted on the school website at <http://cherokeek12.net/clarkcreekes/> which may also be accessed through the CCSD website at <http://cherokeek12.net/>. Parents will be informed of the posted document and will be invited to contact the school if a hard copy or a translation is needed. Notice will be given in the Clark Creek weekly email blast, a link will be placed on Clark Creek's Facebook page, and parents will be informed at PTA meetings. Paper copies will be available in the office and in the Parent Resource Center for parents and family members to read when they visit the school.

2020–21 District Goal

- Increase the number of students scoring at level 3 and/or 4 by 3% on the Georgia Milestone ELA/ EOG/EOC assessments by the end of the 2020-21 school year (Grades 3-5) and by the end of the 2020-21 school year (Grades 6-8) and by the end of the 2022-23 school year (Grades 9 and 11).

2020–21 School Goals

- Improve English Language Arts (ELA) content Mastery levels, as measured by the Georgia ELA Milestones, from 50.1% (SY18-19) Level 3 Proficient and Level 4 Distinguished to 54.3% Level 3 Proficient and Level 4 Distinguished over 3 years with an annual increase of 1.4% or more by the SY2022-23.
- Improve extended writing constructed response components as measured by the Georgia Milestones in ELA Writing: Ideas (15% achieved 3 or more of 4 possible points) and ELA Writing: Usage (59% achieved 2 or more of 3 possible points) by 3% over 3 years. For SY19/20, the ELA Writing: Ideas improvement goal is 16%, and ELA Writing: Usage improvement goal is 60%.

Teacher-Parent-Student Compact

As part of this plan, Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy and our families will develop a Teacher-Parent-Student Compact, which explains how parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all our students reach state standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the teacher's revision meeting and

Chatting with the Principal (Title I documentation revision meeting).

The Teacher-Parent-Student Compacts are sent home electronically at the beginning of the year and they are also posted in our school website.



Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community, in order to improve student academic achievement:



- **Meet & Greet New Students only --- July 30, 2020.**
Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.
- **Virtual Curriculum Night --- August 31- September 1 & 2, 2020.**
Learn about what your child will be learning in school (Academic standards, monitor progress, schedule, etc.)
- **Annual Title I Meeting --- August 27, 2020.**
We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.
- **Virtual Technology Night --- October 1, 2020.**
Learn about our Canvas system and other programs to help support your child's learning.
- **ESOL Family Night (English Learners) --- November 12, 2020.**
Learn about the programs and how you can help your child at home.
- **Reading Tips --- January 14, 2021.**
Chat with our media specialist and learn some reading tips to practice at home with your child.
- **Grades 3 – 5 Georgia Milestones Virtual Meeting --- March 25, 2021.**
We will create an Office Mix with some information and tips for parents in preparation for the test.
- **Chatting with the Principal (Title I documentation Revision) --- April 22, 2021.**
We will review and discuss with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences – October and March.**
This will provide information on your child's progress.
- **Various School Wide Tours --- On Going.**
This will help new families become familiar with the school and to see what make us unique.

Parent Resource Center

Please contact the Parent Facilitator to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child from the Parent Resource Center. Computers are available for parents to explore Canvas and other educational resources in the media center with an appointment.

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including:

- That parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school; and
- That parents and families 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.

Support

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy is committed to helping our parents and families attend the activities listed in this plan. Please call us at 770-721-5800 or contact Mrs. Livi Avila, Parent Engagement Facilitator at Livi.avila@cherokeek12.net if you need assistance with childcare in order to participate in our programs.

What We Will Do

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy 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 goals. We will:



- Communicate on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities through school and classroom newsletters, flyers, email blasts, school website, Facebook page, Twitter and signage on campus in English and Spanish.
- Conduct staff development each semester for parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with early education programs to invite families to take a tour and share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their children for Kindergarten and improve school transition. We will partner with the middle school to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- Provide information for parents and families about individual student assessment results and the interpretation of results with report cards and at parent-teacher conferences.
- Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are published in both English and Spanish, whenever possible, posted on the school website and included in the weekly school E-Blast for all parents.
- Help parents and families understand what their children should be learning, how the state evaluates progress, how parents can monitor their child's progress and tips for working with educators.
- Provide necessary materials for parents and families at conferences, meetings, and school events to help parents work with their child to improve student achievement.



- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parent and family engagement plan and activities.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities and do our best to overcome obstacles or barriers to promote engagement.
- Offer flexible times for parents' meetings, Title I meetings and trainings.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

School Council

Clark Creek Elementary STEM Academy invites all parents to join the School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnership with school, families, and the community. The School Council is made up of parents, school personnel, and representatives of community partners. The Council meets at least four times a year to keep parents informed of school matters and to build partnerships between school, families, and the community. Any parent interested in being member of the School Council is invited to contact our principal Mrs. Joey Moss by email at joey.moss@cherokeek12.net School Council meetings are open meeting. All parents are welcome to attend.



School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Council.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Council.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Childs 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 plan that you feel is not satisfactory, please note your comments in the space provided and return this form to the school office. Parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at all activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and by email to Livi Avila, Parent Engagement Facilitator at livi.avila@cherokeek12.net

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Suggestions: _____
