

Deal Elementary School



Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2025-2026 School Year

Deal Elementary

Keri Smith

2850 Ramsey Rd. Gainesville, Ga 30501

470-892-3250

des@hallco.org

Plan Revised: June 17, 2025

What is Title I?

Deal Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to 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 schools 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 Deal Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Deal Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Deal Elementary will support family 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?

Deal Elementary School invites all parents to attend a parent and family engagement input meeting, in the spring, to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, school comprehensive needs assessment and the family engagement budget. Additionally, our 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 online and have paper copies available for parents to provide 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 throughout the school year including our Family Nights.

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

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, after revision, the plan is posted on the school's website, emailed through Infinite Campus, Remind, and presented at the Annual Title I meeting, and paper copies are provided in the school's front office. Parents can also get a copy of the plan in the Parent Information Center.

District Goals 2025-2026

FY26 Goal 1: By the end of FY26, the percentage of all students moving into the “Proficient and Distinguished”(combined) levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments will increase by 2%.

FY26 Goal 2: By the end of FY26, increase the percentage of referred students who access school based mental health services in order to increase the overall school climate rating for HCSD by 1% (from 86.74 to 87.74).

School Goals 2024-2025

By the end of FY26, 50% of students will meet their projected RIT goal as measured by MAP in the area of Reading.

By the end of FY26, 50% of students will meet their projected RIT goal as measured by MAP in the area of Math.

By the end of FY26, 80% of staff and students will report experiencing a positive school culture, as measured by an internal survey.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Deal 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. The school-parent compacts are shared through the Annual Title I meeting, Infinite Campus, Remind, and posted on the school’s website. The school-parent compacts are kept in the main office if parents need a copy.



Let's Get Together!

Deal Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House July 30, 2025

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

Curriculum Night August 8, 2025 6pm-7pm

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our curriculum, assessments, and technology.

Coffee and Chat Meetings

Tailored to parent needs will be held quarterly.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 28, 2025 10am and 5:30pm

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, Title I budget, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents’ requirements. Invitations will be emailed, sent via Remind, sent through IC Message, and date posted on the school marquee.

Literacy Tricks and Treats – October 28, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Helpful literacy tips offers ways for parents & family to help their students become more successful.

Parent and Family Engagement Input Meeting – March 17, 2026 @ 10am and 5:30pm

A forum for parents and family members to discuss with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school parent compacts, and the family engagement budget for the following school year.

Lucky Learners Family Math Night – March 17, 2026 @ 6pm

Helpful math tips offers ways for parents & family to help their students become more successful.

Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences - On-going

All parents will be invited to attend at least one meeting to discuss their student’s progress. Advanced Scholars Academy classes will conduct student-led conferences.

Parental and Family Engagement

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

Deal 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 transportation and child care in order to participate in our programs. 470-892-3250 or keri.smith@hallco.org



Deal Elementary is Branching Out!

Deal 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 English and Spanish, and posted on the school website, and included in the bi-weekly "Tiger Tales" newsletter for all families.
- Publish Teacher Newsletters in English and Spanish. The school website is available to parents seeking to understand the school's academic standards and assessments. In addition, it provides ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, flyers, Infinite Campus, and Remind.
- Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child at home to improve their child's achievement.
- Partner with local Pre- K programs and middle schools to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- Use our Partners in Education and School Council to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Collect feedback from family members at all events, place feedback/input forms in the building and on the school website.
- Use Canvas professional modules four times a year to train school personnel. Strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement will be provided through these modules.
- Parents may request a conference to the teacher to discuss student progress throughout the year.
- Partner with Head Start through the District Parent Outreach Facilitator. The District Parent Outreach Facilitator meets with parents and families providing information and resources to support school orientation for parents, families and students to assist in successful student transitions to kindergarten.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Deal Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTO standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. The 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

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Our learning commons house a variety of parent resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

Deal Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet monthly during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions during activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal, Keri Smith at 470-892-3250 or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office.

School Community Team

- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the School Community Team.
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more about the School Community Team.
- ☐ 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 regarding this plan and the students' or 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) _____
