Description of School Parental Involvement Plan

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Canton Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Canton Elementary STEM Academy 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 our 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? Canton Elementary 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 throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and in hard copy to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our planning meeting held in the spring each year.

Who is it for? Canton Elementary 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. Canton 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 School Parental Involvement Policy will be posted on the school website at http://www.cherokee.k12.ga.us/Schools/canton-es/default.aspx which may also be accessed through the CCSD website at www.cherokee.k12.ga.us. 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. Hard copies will be available in the office and in the Family Resource Center for parents to read when they visit the school.
2014-15 School Goals

Canton Elementary STEM Academy administrators and teachers have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school:

- Integrate STEM throughout the curriculum as a means of developing creative thinking skills, problem solving and increasing student academic achievement.
- Increase reading fluency for all students in grades K-5. The attainment of this goal will be measured by decreasing the number of students who score below 25% on the Easy CBM assessment.
- Increase math computation fluency for all students in grades K-5. The attainment of this goal will be measured by decreasing the number of students who score below 25% on the Easy CBM assessment.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Canton Elementary STEM Academy and our families will develop a Teacher-Parent-Student Compact, which explains how parents and teachers 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. Parents will review the compact at the spring Title I planning meeting, the School Council will review the compact at their regular May meeting, and parents will be invited to provide feedback at any time during the school year.

Parent Involvement Program and Activities

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

- “Meet and Greet” Open House: July 31, 2014–PreK – 5th Grades – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- IDENT-A-KID: August 13, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Title I Annual Meeting: August 21, 2014 - 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. OR August 22, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Curriculum Night: August 21, 2014, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- APTT Meeting #1
  - Kindergarten: August 25, 2014 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
  - 1st Grade: August 26, 2014 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
  - 2nd Grade: August 28, 2014 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- PTA Reflections Contest: September 2014
- School Council Elections: September 5, 2014
- PTA Meeting: September 11th, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
- Title I Parent Compact Meeting: September 11th, 2014 – 6:15 p.m.
- MATH RODEO: October 3, 2014 - 8:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
- National Read for the Record Day: October 21, 2014 - 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
- Red Ribbon Week: October 23-31, 2014
- Parent Engagement Workshops: Family Resource Room 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
  - “Using The Parent Resource Room/Homework Help”- September, 2014
  - “Literacy”- October, 2014
  - “Technology”- January, 2015
  - “GMAP (New CRCT)”- February, 2015
- Fall Book Fair: October 2, 2014 – October 13, 2014
- Veteran’s Day Assembly: November 11, 2014 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- APTT Meeting #2
  - Kindergarten: November 10, 2014 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
  - 1st Grade: November 11, 2014 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
  - 2nd Grade: November 13, 2014 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- PTA Meeting: November 20th, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.
- PTA Holiday Shop – December 8-12, 2014
- Chorus Performance: December 11, 2014 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Polar Express Day and Jingle Jam: December 19, 2014
- Jump Rope for Heart: February, 12-13, 2015
- READ ACROSS AMERICA: activities week of March 2-6, 2015
- Spring Book Fair: March 6th – March 13th, 2015
- Annual Title 1 Parent Revision Meeting: March, 2015
- Relay for Life: April 2-3, 2015
- GMAP (new CRCT) Pep Rally: April 10, 2015: Grades 3-5
- PTA Meeting/Concert: April, 2015
- APTT Meeting #3
  - Kindergarten: April 27, 2015 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
  - 1st Grade: April 28, 2015 - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
  - 2nd Grade: April 30, 2015 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- STEM EXPO: May 7th, 2015 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- CRCT Sock Hop: May 1, 2015
- Canton Colts Teacher and Staff Appreciation: May 5, 2015
- Career Day: May 8, 2015
- Field Day:
  - Pre-K-2: May 11, 2015
  - Grades 3-5: May 12, 2015
- Fine Arts Performance: May 15, 2015
- All Grade Levels End of The Year Parties: May 22, 2015
- 1st – 4th Grades Award Ceremonies: May 22, 2015
- Kindergarten Ceremony: May 27, 2015
- 5th Grade Awards Ceremony: May 28, 2015
**Definition of Parental Involvement**

Canton Elementary STEM Academy believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, 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.

**School Measures to Provide Required Assistance**

Canton Elementary STEM Academy will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through school e-mail and calendar, Remind 101, flyers, school website, Facebook page, and signage on campus.
- Host an annual Title I meeting to allow all parents to learn more about Title I.
- Share information in English and Spanish at Curriculum Nights in August, at parent events and workshops, at parent-teacher conferences, and on our school website to help parents understand 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 school events to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
- Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Provide information for parents on individual student assessment results and the interpretation of those results with report cards and at parent-teacher conferences.
- Partner with early education programs to invite families and preschool children to take a tour and share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their children for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Ensure that 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 monthly school calendar for all parents.
- 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’ requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

**Support**

Canton Elementary STEM Academy is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call us at 770-720-6100 if you have any questions or need assistance in order to participate in our programs.
Community Partnerships

Canton Elementary STEM Academy will support partnerships among the school, parents, and community to improve student academic achievement through the following activities:

- American Cancer Society “Relay for Life”
- American Heart Association “Jump Rope for Heart”
- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Career Day
- Give A Kid A Chance
- March of Dimes
- Partners in Education:
  - Chick-Fil-A – Canton
  - Credit Union of Georgia – Canton
  - Menchie’s
  - Northside Hospital – Cherokee
  - Oak Leaf Church
  - Pilgrim’s
  - Publix – Laurel Canyon & Riverstone Parkway - Canton
  - Service League of Cherokee County
  - Stevie B’s – Canton
  - Soleil Book Clubs
  - Revolution Church –Canton
  - Rotary Club of Canton
  - United Way of Greater Atlanta

School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council of Canton Elementary School STEM Academy 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 a member of the School Advisory Council is invited to contact Mrs. Long by calling or visiting the school or by email.

School Advisory Council meetings are open meetings; all parents are welcome to attend.

*Council meetings dates are posted on the website.

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.

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