

# Thurgood Marshall Elementary School

## ***Parent & Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success***

*2017-2018 School Year*

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## **What is Title I?**

*Thurgood Marshall Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards 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 a parent & family engagement policy.*

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Thurgood Marshall Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Thurgood Marshall 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 that Thurgood Marshall 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 revised?**

Thurgood Marshall Elementary School invited all parents to attend our Annual Title I Parent Meeting last Fall to review and revise this parent & family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute and post an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental engagement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our Community Cares event.

### **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. Thurgood Marshall 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?**

At the beginning of the year, the plan will be posted on the school website. As a reminder, we will send the plan to all parents in August and distribute it again during our scheduled Open House event and Annual Title I Meetings. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

### **2016-2017 District Goals**

All schools in the district will score in the 90th percentile or above as measured by the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI).

### **2017-2018 Thurgood Marshall Elementary School Goals**

On the 2017 CCRPI report, Thurgood Marshall Elementary will increase the CCRPI performance indicator in reading and mathematics by 3 percent.  
The focus is on math & reading

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Marshall Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all of our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Community Cares event and the School Forum. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.



## **Let's Get Together!**

Thurgood Marshall Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community for the improvement of student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be held at varying times of the day and evenings convenient to our parents.

#### **Annual Title I Meeting – September 7, 2017**

Join us and become an empowered parent. Learn about our schoolwide Title I services and programs that can help you as a parent and help your child succeed academically. Invitations will be sent home to all parents. A notice will be posted on the school website and a calling post will be sent out to all parents.

#### **Open House – September 14, 2017 5-7pm**

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the new year!

#### **New Parent Breakfast – September 2017**

Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

#### **Parent Math Workshops – October 2017**

Learn how to make math fun at home.

#### **Kindergarten Coffee House – November 2017**

Parents will enjoy hearing the latest writing samples and curriculum updates.

#### **Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 2017 & February 2017**

Schedule updates on your child's progress.

#### **Taste of Curriculum Night – November 2017**

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics.

#### **Technology Talk – January 2018**

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning.

#### **Parent Workshops & Parent Academy Monthly**

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

#### **Community & Family Event – March 2018**

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

#### **Parent Appreciation – April 2018**

Join in a celebration of parent engagement and the recognition of how parent and family engagement impacts school and student success.

#### **School Forum – May 2018**

Attend a forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, Parent & Family Engagement Plan, school-parent compacts and the Parent and Family Engagement Budget.



### **Parent Resource Center**

*Come visit the Parent Resource Center #403 to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.*

*Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 3:00 pm*

## **Parental Engagement**

Thurgood Marshall Elementary believes that parent & family engagement means the participation of parents & families 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.

**Thurgood Marshall Elementary**  
*is committed to*

*helping our parents attend the parent and family engagement 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.*

**(678) 827-7942**



## **Marshall Elementary is Branching Out!**

Marshall Elementary 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:

Ensure that all essential information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English, Spanish and Vietnamese posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter or announcements for all parents, families and community stakeholders when possible.

Provide quarterly trainings for staff during faculty meetings on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by conducting meetings for parents and sending home school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten to improve school transition.

Share information in English, Spanish and Vietnamese on the school website or in the school newsletter 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 schoolwide events and activities, through means such as phone messages, marquee, school website, Parent Resource Center bulletin board, ClassDojo, newsletters, e-Parent Bulletins, Parent & Family Engagement Calendar and flyers.

Work with our parents to develop relevant professional development workshops and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent engagement.

Provide materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.

Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school Parent & Family Engagement Plan.

Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels through collaboration with our partners & stake.

Collect feedback from parents at school events, place input and suggestion cards in the office, Parent Center and website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent & family engagement activities.





## Parental Engagement Standards

Thurgood Marshall Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, families, 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 Community Team

Thurgood Marshall Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community 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 at any school 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 at (678)827-7942 or complete the interest form

and leave it in the Main Office.



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## 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.
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Share Your Thoughts

Please provide us with your  
recommendations or suggestions regarding our 2017-2018  
Parent & Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success.

Please use the space provided below and leave this form in the

Thurgood Marshall Elementary Main Office  
Or Parent Resource Center #403

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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