

# **Irwin County Schools**



## **Parent Engagement Plan 2017-2018**

The Mission of the Irwin County School System is to **CARE**

- **C**ollege and Career Readiness
- **A**cademic Support
- **R**elationships
- **E**xcellence

**Our Vision is to embrace innovation, initiate positive change, and provide an equitable and excellent educational opportunity that prepares all graduates for success in their endeavors**

**PART I. SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN REQUIRED COMPONENTS**

**A. Irwin County Schools will jointly develop/revise with parents the school parent involvement plan and distribute it to parents of participating children and make available the parent involvement plan to the local community. This plan will be distributed in the following manner.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
Copies will be made available in ICS front office as well as at all school functions including but not limited to open house and orientation nights. The plan will also be available on school websites.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**B. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
A PIP meeting will be held each May in order to involve and inform parents of the PIP requirements/parental rights concerning parent involvement at ICS.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**C. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
Parent involvement meetings will be offered during various times of the day. Transportation will be provided if needed as well as home visits.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**D. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school plan under section 1112, school-wide under section 1114 and the process of the school review and improvement under section 1116.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
Parent surveys will be utilized and incorporated into our SIP, SWP, and PIP and other Title I plans and programs. ICS School Council will also participate in the development of our plans.	August 2017- May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

Note: The Irwin County Schools Title I Targeted Assistance Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, and the School-Parent Compact are included on the school's website.

**E. Provide parents of participating children –**

**a. timely information about programs under this part;**

**b. a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and**

**c. as requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
ICS will hold orientation meeting at the beginning of each school year. Our schools curriculum, assessments and expectations will be explained in detail during this orientation. We also are planning for semester parent involvement programs.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**F. If the school-wide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.**

Parents may submit suggestions and comments regarding the Title I program via e-mail ([jsirmans@irwin.k12.ga.us](mailto:jsirmans@irwin.k12.ga.us)) or phone call (229-468-7485) to Jessica Sirmans, Irwin County Schools Title I Director, at any time. Moreover, the district's website ([www.irwin.k12.ga.us](http://www.irwin.k12.ga.us)) contains a contact form, which may be utilized to initiate contact with the school.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
All suggestions will be turned in to the front office at ICS.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**G. Irwin County High School will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) in Georgia (i.e., [www.georgiapirc.net](http://www.georgiapirc.net)).**

Irwin Elementary School will disseminate information regarding its Parent Resource Center and the Georgia PIRC as indicated below.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
Information concerning the PIRC will be given to parents in the following manners: Sent home with students at the beginning of the school year, made available at all parent involvement nights, and in the front office of our school.	August 2017- May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**PART II REQUIRED SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

As a component of the school-level parent involvement plan, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

- Conduct a parent/teacher conference in elementary schools, annually (at a minimum), during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child’s achievement;
- Provide frequent reports to parents on their children’s progress; and
- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff, and opportunities to volunteer, participate, or observe their child’s classroom activities.

Activity	Date Due	Contact person
ICS will hold a meet/greet Open House before school begins each year at each school. There will also be night orientation held at the beginning of the school year. During the orientation, the school compact as well as grade level expectations will be discussed. Each student’s progress will be discussed with the parent at least once every 9 weeks. Staff members are available for meetings before school, after school and during his/her planning period.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**BUILDING CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INVOLVEMENT**

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school and local educational agency assisted under this part –

- a. Shall provide assistance to the parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State’s academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child’s progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;

Activity	Date Due	Contact person
Parents will be provided with information at Orientation concerning the State Standards, assessments and benchmarks. Parents will also be given strategies to assist their children with these standards as needed.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

- b. Shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children’s achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
Parents will be provided with needed strategies and materials during parent involvement nights as well as individual conferences with the teacher.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**c. Shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school;**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
In efforts to build positive relationships with parents and make them feel welcome at ICS, we will plan monthly activities for the parents to become involved in with their children and teachers.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**d. Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children;**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
ICS will gladly work with ALL student related programs to coordinate parent involvement activities.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**e. Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand;**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
Parent Activities will be announced through letters home with each student as well as a monthly calendar. Newspaper articles will also be used to communicate when meetings will be held.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

**f. Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this as parents may request.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
ICS will strive to meet the needs of all our parents that express an interest in becoming involved with their child's education.	August 2017-May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

- g. May involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training;**
- h. May provide necessary literacy training from funds received under this part if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training;**
- i. May pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;**
- j. May train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;**
- k. May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation;**
- l. May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement;**
- m. May establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported under this section;**
- n. May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities.**

***PART III ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS***

**In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
All correspondence will be made available in the needed formats.	August 2017- May 2018	Title I Director Administrators

***PART IV ADOPTION***

This Irwin County Schools Parental Involvement Plan has been developed jointly with, and agreed upon with, parents of children participating in Title I program as evidenced by meeting minutes.

The Parent Involvement Plan was developed by Irwin County Schools on 7/10/17 and will be in effect for the period of the 2017-2018 school year. The school will distribute this Parent Involvement Plan to all parents of participating Title I children and make it available to the community on or before 9/31/17..

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(Signature of Title I Authorized Representative)

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