

Tesnatee Gap Elementary School
School Wide Title I School
Parental Involvement Policy
2016-2017

Tesnatee Gap Elementary School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this school. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way:

We believe that students learn best:

- *When there is a connection between home, school and community.*
- *In a safe and nurturing environment.*
- *When given choices and responsibilities.*
- *When given opportunities to use their different learning styles and talents.*
- *When they show respect for themselves and others.*
- *When their instruction is connected across content areas and includes fine arts, health and technology.*
- *When teachers share their knowledge of subject matter, promote enthusiasm, challenge students to higher standards and facilitate the learning process.*

Tesnatee Gap Elementary School in its effort to encourage greater involvement of parents in the education of their children and the school has established the following practices and procedures to promote parental involvement:

Communication:

- Falcon Flyer is published monthly to communicate school events and highlight student achievement. This publication includes the school menu and provides tips for families.
- Each child receives an agenda. The school handbook is located in the agenda for students, parents, and teachers to read and sign. The agenda helps students manage assignments and provides a direct means of communication between home and school.
- Student progress reports are sent home every 4½ weeks. Parent teacher conferences are held a minimum of twice yearly.
- Telephone messenger system communicates upcoming events and emergencies
- Infinite Campus is available for all student families. (Handouts with instructions)
- Weekly Papers

Opportunities for Families:

- PTO: Volunteering at school, Falcon Frenzy Fun Run, Family Nights
- Family Curriculum Nights: Learn and participate in school curriculum
- Mentors & Volunteers
- Charter School Council: School governing council
- Parent Involvement Committee: Meets to discuss school and home connections
- Student Recognition: each nine weeks

Resources for Families:

- **Family Connections:** Judy Lawson
- **School Counselor:** Sara Kennedy
- **Parent workshops and trainings:** Octavius Mulligan
- **School clinic:** Laura Middlebrooks
- **Media center:** Lena Dowdy
- **Mentor Program:** Cassie Abernathy
- **Clothes Closet:** Laura Middlebrooks
- **Before School program and Homework Center:** Polly Dorsey
- **21st Century Program:** Kathy Pert
- **Back-Pack Buddies:** Sara Kennedy
- **Parent Resource Room:** Octavius Mulligan
- **School Website:** <http://tges.white.k12.ga.us/>
- **Summer meal:** Wheels on the Bus

Resource Center:

- **Parent Resources are available in our Parent Resource Room and through our school counselor.**

Each year the school will conduct a needs assessment to continue to determine further needs in our school and community. We will survey our students, families and staff to determine areas of need. We will utilize various sources of information such as: test data, enrollment, and demographics of our community in establishing an appropriate parental plan for our school. We have established Governing Council made up of seven members, which will review our plan and advise us throughout the school year.

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