

## **David L. Rainer Elementary School**

### **Parent Family Engagement Plan**

**2017-2018 School Year**



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### **What is Title I?**

David L. Rainer Elementary School 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 the 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 David L. Rainer Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. David L. Rainer Elementary School 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 David L. Rainer Elementary 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?** David L. Rainer Elementary 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 provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey (online and paper sent home) that asks parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**What feedback was indicated?** The yearly survey showed that parents prefer information instead of workshops on improving math skills, reading skills, and on test preparation. Parents also prefer workshops held in the afternoon and evening over morning and lunch times. Activities will be planned to address these needs during the 2017-18 school year.

**Who is it for?** All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. David L. Rainer Elementary School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of students with disabilities, parents of migratory children, as well as guardians of children served through the Methodist Children's Home. David L. Rainer Elementary School will offer childcare and transportation to the extent practicable upon request.

**Where is it available?** Once adopted, the plan is posted on the school website, in the parent resource center, and in the front office.

### **Elementary School Promotion Standards**

Grades 1-5

Students must pass language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies and connections courses as they apply.

All students in grades 1-2 must have a passing final grade of "2" or higher in language arts and mathematics; and "S" for satisfactory in science and social studies.

- All students in grades 3 – 5 must have passing final grades of 70% or higher in language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students must also pass the Reading of the Georgia Milestones EOG.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students must also pass the Reading AND Mathematics portions of the Georgia Milestones EOG. Click [HERE](#) for further information

## Parent Resource Center

Located in the media center, it is stocked with a variety of materials and resources to help your child achieve academic success. *Open school days from 8:00– 3:00.*

### 2017-18 District Goals

- To increase the percentage of 3-12 grade students designated as proficient or higher on the ELA GMAS from 51% in 2017 to 54% in 2018, 57% in 2019, and 60% in 2020.
- Increase the percentage of all students designated as proficient or higher on the Math GMAS from 55% in 2017 to 58% in 2018, 61% in 2019, and 64% in 2020.

### 2017-18 School Goals

- To increase the ELA GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance from 54% to 57% with an increased emphasis on writing in every content area.
- To increase the Math GMAS performance from 58% to 61%.

### School-Parent Compacts

- ✓ As part of this plan, David L Rainer 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.
- ✓ Parents will retain a copy of the compact for their use.
- ✓ Additionally the compact can be viewed on-line, and will be provided to parents upon request. Teachers will review the compacts with parents during conferences.

### Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Camden County Schools has adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the county's model in engaging parents, 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

### Title I Meetings

David L. Rainer invites all parents to participate in scheduled meetings, to share ideas and ways to involve other parents, and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Meetings are held throughout the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I meetings, please contact Dr. Deborah Milstead, (912)729 – 9071.

### Stay Informed

Please visit the DLR website: <http://dlres.camden.k12.ga.us/> for information on upcoming events, school activities, parent information, Title I and school documents and to find links to teacher e-mail and websites.



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## Parental Involvement

David L. Rainer believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents 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 have the right to know the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals
- That parents know there is a grievance procedure & how to access it
- 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 including Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting, Annual Title I Meeting, Monthly School Council meetings;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

## David L. Rainer Elementary School is branching out!

David L. Rainer Elementary School 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 information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and requested languages (per home language survey), and posted on the school website and included in school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct on-going staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Share information to assist parents in understanding the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Assist parents in setting up parent PowerSchool e-mail alert messages.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, via phone messages, Facebook, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent workshops on relevant and topics.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Assist parents and students in transitions between elementary and middle and middle and high school.

David L. Rainer Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.

Please call 912-729-9071

or email [dmilstead@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:dmilstead@camden.k12.ga.us)

If you have any questions or if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

**Let's Get  
Together!**

***David L. Rainer Elementary School hosts the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.***

- David L. Rainer Elementary Open House - August 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
- Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting-September 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- Title I Annual Meeting-September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Grade Level Parent Orientations
- Volunteer Orientation and Training, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:45 a.m.
  
- DLR Fall Festival and Color Run October 6<sup>th</sup> 5-7:30 p.m.
- Parent/Tiger Accelerated Reader Night-Fall (see website for date).
- School Council meetings set quarterly (see website for dates).
- Terrific Kids Program held quarterly.
- Military Parent Appreciation lunch with your child-November
- DLR Book Fairs (Information on how parents can help their child improve reading skills will be provided).  
\*Fall and Spring
- DLR Field Day-May
- Honors Night-May