



School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
Newnan Crossing Elementary
2026-2027 School Year
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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Newnan Crossing Elementary receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

Newnan Crossing Elementary agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA 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.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- (C) 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
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Newnan Crossing Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

- Parents are invited to share input and feedback during our Annual Stakeholder Meeting.
- Feedback regarding any of our Title I programs is welcome at any time. Parents may submit written or verbal comments directly to the school. If the Title I Schoolwide Plan is found unsatisfactory, Newnan Crossing Elementary will forward parent comments to the district.
- Monthly PTO and Advisory Board meetings also serve as platforms for members to participate in the planning, review, and improvement of our Title I programs.
- Parents will have the opportunity to give feedback and improvements during any of our Parent Capacity Meetings.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Newnan Crossing Elementary will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

- Newnan Crossing Elementary Annual Title I meeting will be held in August 2026 at two convenient times. The school will present the Title I Compact and will provide an opportunity for parents to give input and provide an opportunity to disseminate the information in the compact. The Newnan Crossing Elementary Parent and Family Engagement team will make the necessary revisions.
- Newnan Crossing Elementary Annual Title I meeting will be held in August 2026 at two convenient times. The school will present the Title I Parent and Family Policy, and will provide an opportunity for parents to give input and provide an opportunity to disseminate the information in the policy. The Newnan Crossing Elementary Parent and Family Engagement team will make the necessary revisions.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newnan Crossing Elementary will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand, via S'more, IC Messenger and Infinite Campus.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Newnan Crossing Elementary will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

- Newnan Crossing Elementary Annual Title I meeting will be held in August 2026 at two convenient times. The school will present the Title I Compact and will provide an opportunity for parents to give input and provide an opportunity to disseminate the information in the compact. The Newnan Crossing Elementary Parent and Family Engagement team will make the necessary revisions.
- Newnan Crossing Elementary will also share the presentation, including the Title I Compact, in a digital format via S'more, IC Messenger, and Infinite Campus, which provides translation options so families can view documents in their preferred language.

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, Newnan Crossing Elementary will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

- Newnan Crossing will seek feedback during our Title 1 Annual Meeting in August 2026.
- Newnan Crossing will also seek digital feedback via S'more, IC Messenger, and Infinite Campus.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Newnan Crossing Elementary will ensure that the Neglected and Delinquent facilities located in our school attendance areas are included in the parental involvement correspondence and activities. We will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool 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 by:

- Coordinate parent involvement activities, as needed, through our school social worker and school counselor to support the transitional needs of our students.
- Ensure that Neglected and Delinquent facilities within our school attendance zones are included in all parental involvement communications and activities.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Newnan Crossing Elementary will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The challenging State's academic standards
 - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - The requirements of Title I, Part A
 - How to monitor their child's progress
 - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

- Annual Title 1 Meeting Aug 2026
- ESOL Parent Workshop September 2026
 - Reading, Math, and Technology Workshop October 2026
- GA Milestones and Other Local Assessments Workshop March 2027
 - Pre-K to Kindergarten Parent Workshop May 2027

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

Newnan Crossing Elementary will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, 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 by:

- Professional Learning for staff on the value and utility of parents August 2026
- Professional learning for staff on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners October 2026
 - Professional learning for staff on implementing and coordinating parent programs January 2027
- Professional learning for staff on building ties between parents and the school March 2027

Newnan Crossing Elementary will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

- Parents and families may request support for family engagement activities either in person or by contacting Dr. Page Tarleton at (770) 254-2872 or via email at page.tarleton@cowetaschools.net.

DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

POLICY COMPONENTS

NOTE TO SCHOOLS: The School Parent and Family Engagement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school, in meaningful consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under Section 1116(e) of the ESSA.

Indicate which of the following discretionary (optional) school parent and family engagement policy components the school will implement to improve family-school partnerships:

- ☐ Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- ☐ Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- ☐ Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- ☐ Train parents to enhance the engagement of other parents.
- ☐ To maximize parent and family engagement and participation in their child's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend conferences at school.
- ☐ Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement
- ☐ Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent and family engagement in Title I, Part A programs.
- ☐ Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent and family engagement activities.

NOTE TO THE SCHOOLS: Describe how each discretionary item checked above will be implemented.