

## ***Garden Lakes Elementary Parent, Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success***

***2025-26 School Year***



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

***Garden Lakes Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order 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 involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.***

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Garden Lakes Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Garden Lakes Elementary values the contributions and involvement of families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Garden Lakes Elementary will support parent engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### **How is it developed?**

Each year we revise this plan through partnership with the community and families. We jointly develop this School, Parent, Family Engagement Plan to work together to support all students. Garden Lakes Elementary welcomes input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website. We also distribute an annual survey to ask everyone for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

### **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. Garden Lakes 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, a copy of the plan will be distributed to all parents. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan on the school website or by requesting a copy through the school's front office.



### **2025-2026 Floyd County Goals**

*The Floyd County Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The overarching district goals for 2025-2026 are:*

- Provide high quality curriculum
- Utilize highly effective instructional practices
- Continuously build educator and learner capacity

### **Garden Lakes School Goals**

Garden Lakes administrators, teachers and LSGT have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school.

Our School Improvement Plan addresses our goals and action plans in the following areas:

- 65% of students will meet or exceed their growth goal in MAP ELA and Math assessments.
- The percentage of proficient and distinguished learners on EOG will increase by 3% and 1's will decrease by 3%.
- Teachers of non-tested subjects will revert to school level performance on MAP.

**The Garden Lakes Elementary School Improvement Plan can be viewed at [www.floydboe.net](http://www.floydboe.net) or by request in the school office.**

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

Garden Lakes 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 to improve student academic achievement.

Meet Your Teacher Day - July 29, 2025

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher at school and establish communication

English Learner Partner Night - To be determined

- ✓ A workshop provided to EL parents providing ways to support academic achievement.

Mystery Night - September 25, 2025

- ✓ Participate in Escape Room with Reading and Math activities

Annual Title I Meeting - September 25, 2025

- ✓ We invite you to learn about our Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school-wide plan, and the school-parent compact by reading our presentation.

Parent Conferences – weeks of September 15-19, 2025 and March 16-20, 2026

- ✓ There will be an emphasis on MAP data.

Pirate/Princess Ball February 19, 2026

- ✓ Fun centers for family together time with a focus on literacy

4th grade Family picnic - May 19, 2026

- ✓ Students will showcase their Art and Musical skills

Parent Lunch and Learn 9/9/25, 11/13/25, 3/26/26

- ✓ Topics related to student achievement will be presented to families

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Garden Lakes 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. The school-parent compacts are sent home at the beginning of the school year to each family. Parents may also find the compact on our school website or request additional copies.

### **Parental Involvement**

Garden Lakes Elementary believes that parent engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents and families 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.
- Parents provide input on use of parent engagement funds.



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### ***Focus, Connect, Succeed***

*Garden Lakes Elementary is committed to providing multiple opportunities for parent involvement throughout the school year.*

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### **Garden Lakes Elementary: Where School and Community Are One!**

Garden Lakes 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 information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish included in the class newsletter and/or school call and Parent Square.
- ✓ Provide staff development on engagement practices and effective strategies for communicating and building partnerships with families.
- ✓ Partner with Bright from the Start programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare families and their children for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in multiple languages as needed in classroom memos as well as during parent conferences. This allows understanding of the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities through the use of parent square, phone messages, social media, flyers, and conferences.
- ✓ Survey parents and families in order to develop relevant training and helpful presentations on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials at conferences, meetings, and activities to assist working with improving achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to requests for additional support for parental engagement activities.
- ✓ Spotlight school happenings with strong social media presence.

### ***Parent Involvement Standards***

***Georgia Department of Education***

***Information for Parents website:***

***<http://bit.ly/gadoeparentinformation>***

**The Georgia Department of Education wants to encourage families to realize the benefits of parental involvement and take advantage of information available that leads to the academic success of children. The goals are to enhance the abilities of parents across the state to participate effectively in their children's education, and to improve student achievement through expanded and effective use of parental involvement programs.**

Garden Lakes Elementary invites everyone to join us in sharing ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community.

Parents can submit their ideas or suggestions to administration, staff or a member of the Local School Governance Team. We encourage parents to complete our annual parent survey.

If you would like to learn more please contact Mrs. Mary Alcorn at (706)236-1865 or complete the interest form and leave it in the school office.



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#### **Share Your Thoughts**

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the school office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

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