

***J.W. Arnold Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement
Plan for Shared Student Success
2019-2020 School Year***



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What is Title I?

J. W. Arnold is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan. Arnold's parent and family engagement plan was jointly developed with parents and teachers. Parents were given the opportunity to give feedback to the policy at three different meetings and various times throughout the year.

Arnold Elementary for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how J. W. Arnold Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. J. W. Arnold Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that J. W. Arnold Elementary 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. All Arnold parents were invited to attend the Parent and Family Engagement Plan Input meetings on August 19, 2019 at 10:00 AM, August 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM, and August 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

How is it revised?

J. W. Arnold Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Title 1 Revision Meeting last spring to review and revise our parent and family engagement plan, school wide plan, school-parent compact and parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distributed an annual survey online asking parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement budget. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. J. W. Arnold Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English and parents with disabilities.

Where is it available?

The plan will be posted on the school website.<http://clayton.102.schooldesk.net>. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in Room 2 on the front hall. The plan is/was distributed to all students in the weekly red folder, placed in Parent Resource Center, placed in front office on the counter, given to parents at PTO meetings and parent workshops, At Family Read-In evenings and as new parents register in the school they receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact.

**2019-2020
District Goals**

By the end of the 2020 school year, Clayton County Public Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and/or Distinguished levels on the GMAS by at least 3 percentage points in each content area.

**2019-2020
J. W. Arnold Elementary School Goals**

By the end of the 2020 school year, J. W. Arnold Elementary Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and/or Distinguished levels on the GMAS by at least 3 percentage points in each content area.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, J. W. Arnold Elementary School-Parent Compact was jointly developed by school staff, parents, students and community stakeholders. The compact is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The school compacts was reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Input Revision meetings. Parents can ask our Parent Liaison, Lorei Smith, for a copy of the compacts. The School-Parent Compact is distributed in the following ways: School-Parent Compact meetings, student's weekly red folders, in the Parent Resource Center, on the counter in the front office and on the website.

Let's Get Together!

J. W. Arnold Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be in the morning, afternoon and in the evening.

Title I Staff Orientation – August 2, 2019

- ✓ At the beginning of the school year, the staff is informed of how we became a Title I school and what it means to have this designation. The school's plan is discussed and the goals we set for the current year are reviewed so the staff is familiar with their part in helping the school attain these goals.

Open House – August 1, 2019 and September 5, 2019

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Parent/Orientation/Curriculum Nights – August 8, 2019 (K & 1 grades); August 13, 2019 (2 & 3 grades), and August 15, 2019 (4 & 5 grades)

- ✓ These nights held by each teacher to explain grade level curriculum and expectations, grading practices, class/school rules, etc.

School Council Meetings - August 20, 2019, November 19, 2019, February 25, 2020, and April 21, 2020

- ✓ At the school council meetings, a team of parents, administrators, teachers, and other community stakeholders collaborate and plan strategically to achieve school improvement goals.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - September 3-27, 2019 and February 3-27, 2020

- ✓ Parent/Teacher conferences will be held by all teachers in the fall and spring and upon request or need throughout the school year.

Annual Title I Meetings –August 22, 2019, August 23, 2019 and August27, 2019

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent and family engagement plan, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements. Invitations will sent home to parents and posted on the school website.

Parent Academy Workshops School Year 2019-2020

- ✓ Parent Academy Workshops are to assist parents in preparing their child (ren) to become academically successful throughout the school year. i.e. How to Help Your Child Succeed in School, Math Made Easy, Dads in Reading Meetings will be held monthly. Parents will receive a monthly calendar of all parent meetings.

Family Read In Nights – September 5, 2019; October 3, 2019; November 7, 2019; 2019; February 6, 2020; March 5, 2020; and April 2, 2020.

- ✓ Family Read-In nights are held throughout the school year to promote student reading skills, including comprehension and vocabulary.

Read Across America- March 6, 2020

- ✓ A week-long celebration honoring the life and writings of Dr. Seuss. Parents and community leaders are invited to read Dr. Seuss stories to Arnold's students and share their enthusiasm of life-long reading.

Cultural Arts Week –March 10-12, 2020

- ✓ A week filled with educational lessons and activities that focus on various cultures. The lesson/activities focus on dance, music, sport, and food. These lessons teach Arnold's students the beauty of showing tolerance for different cultures. In addition, students have an opportunity to share their art work with their parents.

Science Night- February 27, 2020

- ✓ Science Nights allows our stakeholders to participate in interactive, hands-on, standards-based learning stations in various areas such as physical science and earth science.

Parent Resource Center – Room 2

Visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. Lorei Smith, our Parent Liaison is available to assist parents.

*Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-3:30 pm 770-473-2800
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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

J. W. Arnold Elementary believes that parent engagement and involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, and ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.
- Focus Parent Group, School Council, Parent and Family Engagement Committee.

J. W. Arnold Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email Lorei Smith if you need assistance in order to participate in our programs.

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J. W. Arnold Elementary is Branching Out!

J. W. Arnold 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 all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and is posted on the school website, school marquee, flyers sent home and included in the parent resource center.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with local Georgia Pre-K programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending out school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their children for kindergarten and to improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators. Parents can monitor child's progress on Infinite Campus.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, Clayton county app, front lobby and flyers and students weekly red folders.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at workshops, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy. Jonesboro Dwarf House
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events and post suggestion forms on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

Parent Involvement Standards

J. W. Arnold Elementary and our parents have adopted Joyce Epstein six types of parent and family engagement framework as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Parenting
2. Communicating
3. Volunteering
4. Learning at Home
5. Decision Making
6. Collaborating with the Community

School Council & Parent and Family Engagement Team

J. W. Arnold Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent and Family Engagement Committee and School Council Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during 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 Parent and Family Engagement Committee and School Council Team, please contact Mr. Allen at 770-473-2800 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office or Parent Resource Center with Mrs. Smith.

School Council Team/Parent and Family Engagement Committee

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Council Team/PAFE Committee.
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School Council Team/PAFE Committee.
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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 Main Office:

Name _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Do you agree with the Parent and Family Engagement Plan? ____ Yes ____ No, why not? _____

What types of activities would you like to see this year? _____
