

Amana Academy
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
Promoting Shared Student Success
2021-2022 School Year
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What is Title I and Who is it for?

Amana Academy participates in Title I, Part A, Section 1116 of the “Every Student Succeeds Act” (ESSA) which supports State and local school efforts to challenge academic standards by reinforcing and enhancing efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students.

Amana Academy Title I School-wide Program requires effective means of improving student achievement by including strategies to support family engagement.

Our Parent and Family Plan is jointly Developed

- ◇ Through the use of parent input, our school has jointly developed a written Parent and Family Engagement plan. The plan outlines ways the school, parents, and families will work together as equal partners, and how the school will provide opportunities, resources, and support for parents and families to help their children learn at school and at home. This plan will be distributed and posted to the school’s website prior to November 1st.
- ◇ The Parent and Family Engagement Plan was jointly developed using input from parents, families, the community, and the school. Input was collected at the following: School-wide Survey Spring 2021, at Title I Parent Workshops, and In-person and written comments shared at Parent Workshops. Input was asked for on the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Family Compact, Title I Budget including 1% Budget, Parent Resource Center, and School-wide Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Input will be asked for again in Spring 2022.
- The Parent and Family Engagement Plan is made available on our school website, linked in “Eagle Update” newsletter, and
- ◇ shared on social media.
- ◇ To meet the changing needs of parents and the school, the input will be collected and utilized to revise our Parent and Family Engagement Plan annually. All parents, families, staff, and community members are invited to give input for the 2021-2022 Parent and Family Engagement Plan at the Spring input meeting.
- ◇ All parents and families are welcome to meet at our monthly Workshop held at various times of day virtually via Zoom to inquire about engagement resources and programs, which may benefit their child in the areas of Math, ELA, and Reading.
- ◇ All parents have the opportunity to schedule regular meetings with teachers, administration, or the parent liaison to formulate suggestions or discuss decisions, as appropriate, related to the education of their children.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting - “Welcoming ALL Families!”

- ◇ All parents, families and community members are invited to our Annual Title I Parent Meeting on **September 16th at 6pm** virtually via Zoom. Note: invitations were in Newsletter and on the School Website.
- ◇ The purpose of this meeting is to inform parents of Title I requirements, the Amana Academy Title I School-wide Plan, and parents’ rights provided by Title I, Part A, Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Although feedback is always accepted, this meeting is not for the purpose of collecting input.

2021-2022 District Goals

Ensure that all Fulton County Schools’ students graduate prepared to pursue their chosen paths -- whether college, career or military -- and to succeed on those paths after high school by focusing on four top priorities over the next five years:

- » Student Achievement - Prepare students with strong academic foundations and the skills needed to navigate life beyond graduation.
- » People and Culture- Provide a welcoming environment and positive school and district culture for students, families and employees
- » Community Collaboration—Engage families, community members and civic organizations as active partners
- » Fiscal Responsibility - Manage and protect public funds and assets through efficient and effective use of available resources

For measurable outcomes and to review the Strategic Plan 2022 visit, <https://www.fultonschools.org/strategicplan>

2021-2022 School Goals

Amana Academy set goals for the 2021-2022 school year: 100% of Amana students will meet their iReady typical growth goal by May 31, 2022, and 80% of students scoring no less than one grade level below on the fall iReady diagnostic will reach their iReady stretch growth goal by May 31, 2022.

Communication at Amana Academy means “Communicating Effectively”

Amana Academy 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 English, Spanish, and Arabic posted to the school website, and included in school newsletters for all parents in a timely manner.
- Conduct staff development on parent and family engagement practices and Infinite Campus management —trainings will be on the value of parent contributions, how to communicate with and work with parents as equal partners, implementing parent programs, providing information in a format/language understandable to parents, and responding to parent requests for family engagement activities.
- Provide explanations of the curriculum used at school, academic assessment results, workshops on Milestones, Title I, EL model, FastBridge, and other academic trainings to help parents better work with their children to improve achievement
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and newsletters 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.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities using methods such as weekly newsletters and social media.
- Provide necessary materials to parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s academic achievement.
- Offer parent classes to help further enhance the various education backgrounds including workshops on boosting student's math and reading skills and using technology including education about the harms of copyright piracy.
- Provide multiple and flexible meetings throughout the year at convenient times for parents to support the partnership between home, school, and community to improve student academic success.
- The residential facilities for students in the Amana Academy attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.
- Offer Before-School and After-School childcare for families, along with providing families transportation services as needed through our Front Office.

School – Family Compact

As part of this plan, Amana Academy and our families have developed a School-Family-Student Compact, which is an agreement that families, teachers, and students will develop that explains how our families and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The Family-Compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Parent Feedback Meeting. The School-Family-Student compacts are distributed to parents during the beginning of each school year in order to review throughout the year and will be posted online in our website prior to Nov 1, 2021.

Title I Budget—Reservation of Parent and Family Engagement Funds by “Sharing Power”

Parents share in decision-making regarding how our Title I Funds are allocated. Title I stipulates that 1% of funds are set-aside to be budgeted for parent and family engagement resources and activities. Parent input determines how the 1% budget is spent, for example, academic resources, educational materials, etc. Budget input from parents is collected in the Spring. Budget input for the 2022-2023 school year, will be collected in Spring 2022.

Coordination of Services

Amana Academy coordinates and integrates family engagement programs, activities and strategies to help parents more fully participate in the education of their child. Our activities integrate strategies to provide resources for parents to help their child achieve College and Career Readiness. To seamlessly integrate pre-K families into the Kindergarten program, Amana will host tours and open-house days for families in Spring 2022, and offer resources to ensure that families are supported and fully participating.

Parental and Family Engagement Standards

At Amana Academy, 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—

- ◇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, and the carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities

Amana Academy will inform parents in a timely fashion, in multiple ways (i.e. newsletter, social media, website), and when possible in English, Arabic and Spanish to our Title I Family Engagement events to support partnerships with our families, students, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

- » Open House - August 6: Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful staff of the year.
- » Curriculum Night - September 2: Visit your children's' classrooms to better understand what they're academically focusing on this year
- » Annual Title I Meeting - September 16: - Parents will learn about our Title I program and what it means to be part of a Title I school.
- » Technology Safe Practices - October 14: - Parents will learn about our Title I program and what it means to be part of a Title I school.
- » Passion Fair- October 22: Enjoy a day of student creativity, talent and passion showcased virtually
- » Parent/Teacher Conferences - October: Parents will have the opportunity to check on child's progress and discuss their compacts in Grades K-5.
- » Boosting Your Child's ELA Skills - November 11: - Parents will learn effective strategies to support their child's development in English/Language Arts
- » Boosting You Child's Math Skills - December 9: Parents will learn effective strategies to support their child's development in Math
- » Building Staff Capacity Training about Communication between home and School: October
- » Understanding Amana's ESOL Program - January 11: Parents will get the opportunity to learn and ask questions about ESOL
- » Georgia Milestones Workshop - January: Parents will be given an overview of what the GMAS are and have the opportunity to ask questions.
- » International Festival - February : Come visit us and share your culture and learn more about food, culture in different parts of the world.
- » Parent Feedback Meeting– March 2022 - a chance for Amana families to help plan and provide input for our Schoolwide Plan, School-Family Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, staff training, and Family Engagement budget for the upcoming school year.
- » Community Circle EACH Friday – where students can demonstrate what they learn during the week

Collaborating with the Community

GET Involved! Be part of the PTO Group - Amana Academy invites all parents, teachers / staff and community members to join our PTO General Body Meetings. We invite you to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to help build partnerships with our school, families and the Community. Parents, Families and Community Members will be invited to meet at least twice during the school year. Meeting Notifications will be sent in a timely manner to allow full participation.

National Standards for Family-School Partnerships



PTA.org/excellence



Share Your Thoughts We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan you feel is not satisfactory to you in regards to our students, parents/families or the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your feedback in the space provided below. Please return this card to infor@amanaacademy.org

Name (optional): _____

Phone/Email (optional): _____

Comments or Questions (please provide email for questions):

Thank you for your comments/questions!

