

*Engage. Inspire. Prepare.*



# Annual Title I Parent Meeting

## 2019-2020

Ragsdale Elementary  
~ 528 Holly Springs RD, Rockmart, GA 30153 ~  
Parent Resource Center, Room B103  
October 17, 2019 8:15 am

All parents/guardians of students attending Ragsdale Elementary School have been invited to this meeting.



**We welcome your questions and input throughout this presentation! We want to make sure you leave informed about the Title I program and know what opportunities we provide for families to be involved.**

## What Is a Title I School?

- ✓ Title I was enacted in 1965 under the Elementary and Secondary Act amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). It is the largest Federal Assistance Program for our nation's schools.
- ✓ The purpose of Title I is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and to achieve proficiency on high academic standards.
- ✓ Title I provides federal funds through the Georgia Department of Education to schools with at least 40% of the student population receiving free and reduced meals.



## Title I funds at our school are applied to:

- ✓ Supplementing programs that are already in place in schools, with the goal of providing all students with equal opportunity for achieving academic success
- ✓ Hiring additional teachers and other support staff
- ✓ Purchasing supplemental (additional) instructional materials, resources, and educational programs
- ✓ Conducting parent activities and workshops focusing on how the school and families can work together to support students in content academic areas and other opportunities parents request
- ✓ Providing professional development for teachers and staff
- ✓ Establishing a parent resource center
- ✓ Outreach to local Pre-K schools





# How Ragsdale Elementary Participates in the Title I Program

Goal: Improve Reading, Writing and Math Achievement

Title I Staff support schoolwide instruction (coaching teachers, instructional supplies, materials for students that go above and beyond the county provided materials---books for reading initiative---ex. instruction, SSR, software for students).

Title I staff support students by adding extra staff to the school program focusing on Reading Differentiated Instruction and Math Differentiated Instruction.

Parent & family engagement meetings and events are offered at flexible times throughout the school year.

An established Parent Resource Center is offered.

There is outreach to local preschools to support those parents and students coming into the school system

## Our Schoolwide Requirements

- Identifying school needs and areas requiring academic focus for improvement by reviewing student achievement data
- Setting goals for improvement, and making plans to incorporate strategies that are based on scientific research to increase student achievement
- Identifying students who will benefit from additional support
- Partnering with families in order to provide the best support possible for all students to make progress
- Providing staff with training, professional learning, resources and materials in order to enhance their teaching, and ability to work effectively with families
- Sharing of School Improvement/TA Plan

# Ragsdale Schoolwide Program:

Please reference your 2019-2020 Schoolwide School Improvement Plan

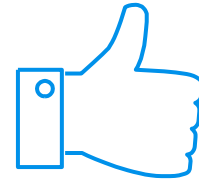
Our School Improvement Plan (schoolwide goals) include the following:

- 3rd -5th grade students will meet RI growth goals, increasing from 74% in 2019 to 77% in 2020.
- Students in 1-5 scoring proficient and advanced will grow 3% on the MI from 18% in 2019 to 21% in 2020.
- Students in grades 3-5 scoring proficient or distinguished will increase from 36% in 2019 to 39% in 2020 as measured by the ELA achievement scored on the GMA.

The programs and supports in place to help us achieve these goals:

Use of Bookworms, Use of RI and MI Data to drive instruction, Use of Write score software, Units of Study, professional learning/trainings for teachers & staff.

Ragsdale Elementary [State's Grades Report](#)



## Curriculum Used at Ragsdale Elementary

Writing: Georgia Standards of Excellence, Lucy Calkins, Write Score

Reading: Georgia Standards of Excellence, Bookworms, use RI Data

Math: Georgia Standards of Excellence, Georgia Frameworks, Do the Math 3-5, use MI Data

Science: Georgia Standards of Excellence, Stem Scopes (Lexile leveled passages)

Social Studies: Georgia Standards of Excellence, DBQs (document-based questions)



# Tests and Assessments for Students in Elementary Grades

Tests and assessments include those provided by the teacher, the county, and the state

**Teacher - Projects, Reports, Unit/Chapter Tests, Presentations**

**County - Universal Math & Reading Screeners**

**State - Georgia Milestones, ACCESS, GKIDS, Georgia Alternative Assessment**

Other assessments may apply. If applicable, our school will notify parents/guardians.

# Tests and Assessments for Students in Elementary Grades

## How do these assessments measure student progress?

- ✓ Identifies areas in need of improvement, and to plan for instruction
- ✓ Provides information for teachers and parents on areas where students have mastered learning and where they may need additional support
- ✓ Provides information to plan for “next-steps” so that the student will experience continuous growth

## What proficiency levels is my child expected to meet?

- ✓ Teachers share specific information about student expectations/goals and assessment results during parent meetings, conferences and at the request of parents/guardians

How to access previous test performance, standards, and attendance about my child using the [Statewide Longitudinal Data System \(SLDS\)](#) through the school’s parent portal (if applicable)

## Georgia Milestones (Elementary)

- ❑ Designed to measure how well students have learned the skills and knowledge described in the curriculum in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3, 4, & 5
- ❑ Science and Social Studies, grade 5
- ❑ Taken at the end of the school year
- ❑ Provides information on academic achievement at student, class, school, system, and state levels
- ❑ Used to diagnose individual student strengths and weaknesses as related to the instruction of the state adopted curriculum, and to gauge the quality of education throughout Georgia.

Paulding County School District  
2019-2020  
*Parent and Family Engagement Policy*

Ragsdale  
Elementary  
Parent and Family  
Engagement  
Policy.

Ragsdale  
Elementary  
School-Parent  
Compact(s)

# Teacher Professional Qualifications

## Parent's Right-to-Know

All parents have the right to request the following information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s):

- ✓ Whether the teacher has met the Georgia Professional Standards Commission's requirements for certification for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- ✓ Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Georgia qualifications or certification criteria have been waived;
- ✓ Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications

# Parent & Family Engagement Opportunities

Ragsdale Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement. Additional opportunities will be provided if parents request. Ragsdale is fully committed to providing response to parent requests for parent engagement activities.

**Parent Meetings Spring 2019 and Continual Suggestions Welcome** Parents are invited to review, and provide input on the development of the following drafts: Ragsdale Parent and Family Engagement Plan, Paulding County School District Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Title I Parent Engagement Budget, Parent, Teacher, Student Compacts, Staff Capacity, and the Schoolwide School Improvement Plan.

**Open House and Parent Resource Center Open House- July 31, 2019, 2-6pm**

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff. Take a tour of the Parent Resource Center.

**Annual Title I Parent Meeting – October 17, 2019**

We invite you to an event of sharing and learning about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Schoolwide School Improvement Plan, School-Family Compacts, the Parent Engagement Budget, the requirements of Title I, Part A. and parents' rights under Title I. Parents are invited to have a say in what information and activities you would like for us to provide in the coming year. Invitations will be sent home to all families, posted in the school's newsletter, and on the school's website.

**Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – (October 14-18, 2019 & March 16-20, 2020)**

Opportunity to attend a scheduled meeting to talk with your child's teacher about child's progress and school experience, and to ask questions (other meeting times are always available upon request)

**Family Academic Nights--(August 23, 2019, December 5, 2019)**

Take a tour of the Parent Resource Center.

A time to learn about and experience different areas of your child's academics, including Literacy and Math Training, goal setting for students, and how parents can work in partnership with our school to ensure student academic success.

Connect with the school and community to continue building on Ragsdale's success!

Annual Survey, Suggestion Box, Constant open lines of communication

# We love partnering with you!

- ✓ We will promptly reply to your requests!
- ✓ To contact the school staff:
- ✓ Please call us at 770-443-2140, leave a message with staff for staff at anytime
- ✓ Emails can be found on our webpage and class newsletters. Please email at anytime.

# Closing and Feedback

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**Any questions?**

**Thanks!**

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