

Colquitt County Schools Parent and Family Engagement for Educators

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WE ARE A
COMMUNITY



Parent and Family Engagement Beginning of the year



The coronavirus pandemic has changed all of our worlds in a way that no one could ever have imagined. With school opening virtually and in person, how do we accomplish our parent engagement requirements? Why should this even be on our minds with just having our staff and students safe while at school is the absolute top priority?

The spring of the year challenged educators, parents and students to find a new normal for learning. It also connected us in ways that required many educators to be a champion for students from afar. It also made us miss so many little things in the life of educators...giving pats on the back, hugs, high fives and so many more.

As we begin the year, knowing where priorities must be, we will navigate through parent and family engagement to meet the needs of our new normal. Parent and Family Engagement Plans and School-Parent Compacts can be shared on school websites, Facebook pages and through Remind. Compact signatures can be gathered via Google Forms or other electronic methods. At this point in time, we **will not** be collecting paper copies from parents. As the Georgia Department of Education's Family-School Partnership Programs provides guidelines, those will be shared with you. At this point in time, no one has the perfect answer....it just doesn't exist.

Open House

Sign-in sheets for Open House have never been a requirement for Federal Programs/Parent and Family Engagement. This year especially, there certainly will be no change for this area.

*Welcome to new Parent and Family Engagement Liaisons:
Lauren Fallin – Okapilco
Wendy McKellar – R. B. Wright*

Welcome Back!
It seems so long since we last saw each other...and it has been!

Welcome
**BACK TO
SCHOOL**





Useful Links to Share With:

Parents

Back to School Planning: Checklists to Guide Parents, Guardians and Caregivers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/parent-checklist.html>

Georgia Home Classroom: Georgia Home Classroom is collaboration between GPB Education and [Georgia Department of Education](#) (GaDOE) to support at-home learning for students in Pre-K through 12th grade, including digital learning resources and an instructional broadcast schedule. (Stroll to the bottom for learning resources by grade level).

<https://www.gpb.org/education/learn>

For anyone

- Virtual Calming Room – Sometimes life can become challenging or overwhelming. These sites may provide helpful outlets and practices when needed to manage emotions and feelings or just a way to wind down:
 - ♥ Beautiful Relaxing Music • Peaceful Piano Music & Guitar Music | Sunny Mornings by Peder B. Helland <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlWil4xVXKY>
 - ♥ Rain Sound and Rainforest Animals Sound - Relaxing Sleep <https://youtu.be/8myYyMg1fFE>
 - ♥ Relaxing Guitar Music, Calm Music, Relaxation Music, Guitar Music, Sleep, Meditation, Study <https://youtu.be/3jDsiAJ47xs>
 - ♥ Relaxing Flute Music, Calm Music, Sleep Music, Flute Music, Sleep, Zen, Study, Flute <https://youtu.be/28JGIJQsPgk>
 - ♥ Beautiful Relaxing Music for Stress Relief <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXK3sphcbAQ>
 - ♥ Virtual Nature 360° - 5.7K Nature Meditation for Oculus Quest <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AkbUfZjS5k>

The CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) has free printable classroom resources available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc>

