

Villa Rica Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

Villa Rica Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

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

How is it revised?

Villa Rica Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, 1% family engagement budget, ways to build staff capacity, and the school wide plan. 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 distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. Please contact Heather Duke, Director of Federal Programs at Carroll County Schools should you have any questions or concerns.

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. Villa Rica Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is located on the school website and a hard copy will be in the Parent Engagement Center (room 203) and with the Family Engagement Coordinator.



2026--2027 District Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestone Assessment (GMAS) English Language Arts and on the Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by 3% points.

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestone Assessment (GMAS) Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by 3% points.

2026-2027 School Goals

On the 2027 GMAS, increase the students performance in reading and mathematics by 3 percent.

The focus for reading is:

K-1: Beginning sounds and blending

K-4: Vocabulary development

K-5: Increased rigor in reading passages

The focus for math is:

K-5: Number sense and fluency

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Villa Rica Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which 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 compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the School Forum. The school-parent compacts

also are shared with

parents during

parent-teacher

conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Villa Rica Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – August 4, 2026 (time based on teacher created schedule)

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

Annual Title I Input Meeting- August 4 and virtually starting August 4, 2026

Come give your input on our School Compact, Title Budget, Resources, and more!

Annual Title I Meeting – August 13, 2026 at 9:00 am and virtually starting August 14, 2026 (see the school website for a link to the information presented)

We invite you to a morning of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

Volunteer Training - August 13,, 2026 @9:30 am

Come get trained on being a Volunteer for VRE.

Bring Your Parent to School Night- August 27, 2026 5:00pm-6:30pm

Families will enjoy visiting their child's classroom and seeing what life is like in the day of the life of a student at VRE! We will also have the Book Fair open, the West Ga Bookmobile, and an author.

Fall Festival - October 8, 2026 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Come enjoy the Fall Festival with activities, food, shopping, and more!

Math Night- November 5, 2026 5:00pm-6:30pm

Families will enjoy learning ways to help their child at home with fun math games. We will recognize August, September, and October Cool Cats.

Winter Extravaganza - December 10, 2026 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Experience learning activities alongside your student at our Winter Extravaganza. All activities will be standard based and align with what the students are learning or will learn. Chorus will perform and student artwork will be displayed. We will also recognize Cool Cats for the month of November.

Fall in Love with Learning – February 25, 2027 5:30pm-6:30pm

Come fall in love with learning at VRE. Families will get a chance to learn how to help their children with reading and math. We will recognize Cool Cats for January and February.

Level Up for GMAS – April 20, 2027 5:30pm-7:00pm

Families will learn how to help their child level up on state testing. We will explain what the testing will be like and tips on how to help your child do his/her best.

VRE Parent Bulletins- September 2026, November 2026, January 2027, March 2027

Parents will be sent a informational newsletter that provides them with tips, tricks, reminders, etc.



Parent Resource Center

Come 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.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Villa Rica Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Villa Rica Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Villa Rica Elementary is Branching Out!

Villa Rica Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.

Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.

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.

Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.

Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.

Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.

Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.

Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

We will train our teachers on how to better communicate with parents, how to work with parents as equal partners in their students education, how to ensure that positive ties are being made between home and school, and ensure that our teachers know how to respond to parent request regarding parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Villa Rica Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

Welcoming All Families
Communicating Effectively
Supporting Student Success
Speaking Up for Every Child
Sharing Power
Collaborating with Community

School Community Team

Villa Rica Elementary invites all parents to join the PTO to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. We will have a designated amount of meetings during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the PTO, please contact the principal at (770) 459-5762 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



PTO

Yes, I am interested and wish to join the PTO.

☐ Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the PTO..

☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name:

Child's Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)