



Athenian Academy

Of Technology And The Arts

A Tuition-Free Public Charter School

Our Purpose

Our purpose is to provide the best educational experience.

Title 1 Parents and Guardians

Athenian Academy values the support and involvement of families, requiring each family to dedicate a total of 20 volunteer hours. Athenian Academy will involve families in the developing, monitoring, and evaluation of the Title 1 Plan.

- Athenian Academy will host an Open House, which will also include the school's annual meeting. All parents, guardians, and family members are invited to attend the annual meeting to learn about the Title 1 program, which parents are encouraged to be a part of.
- Throughout the year, families will receive access to the School Public Accountability Report, school performance data, individual student data from state tests, progress reports, report cards, and benchmark data, to help families understand how their children are performing. Workshops will be provided to assist families in understanding this data.
- In addition to helping families with understanding student performance data, Athenian Academy will have curriculum nights which introduce parents to the school's curriculum, Florida Standards, proficiency levels needed to demonstrate mastery of the standards, and provide families with assistance in helping their children with homework.
- Teachers at Athenian Academy are required to have at least 2 conferences per year, with each family as part of our Athenian and parent partnership. Teachers will discuss the student's academic and behavioral progress, strategies to incorporate at school and at home to help the student be successful, and input from the family to ensure the student is receiving an enriched educational program.
- In addition to parent conferences and required volunteer hours, parents are encouraged to attend SAC and Governing Board meetings to discuss Title 1 programs at Athenian Academy and provide input in how funding is utilized and in the process of creating the school's School Improvement Plan and Parent Involvement Plan.



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Parent Involvement Opportunities

As part of Athenian Academy's commitment to ensuring positive involvement of parents, Athenian Academy provides families with various opportunities to remain involved in the school and their child's educational career. Families are encouraged to volunteer in some of the following ways: Field trips, small reading groups, cafeteria, fundraisers/school events, technology and curriculum nights, making copies, and book fair.

- Athenian Academy families are required to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours each school year.
- Technology nights, curriculum nights, and workshops are provided throughout the year to assist families with Schoology, Google Apps, the school's reading, writing, math, and science curriculums, and behavior both at school and at home.
- Athenian Academy families are notified of all events and functions for the school year at Open House and via Schoology, Facebook, the classroom teacher/planners, and flyers.
- Athenian Academy classroom teachers are required to have at least 2 conferences per year with families to provide updates and feedback to each student's progress.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in the school's SAC, Governing Board meetings, and PBIS and to contribute to the improvement of the overall environment at Athenian Academy.
- Athenian Academy hosts monthly family breakfasts, which provide a forum for parents to be involved with their children, provide feedback to administration, and participate in activities, which emphasize parent involvement.
- Athenian Academy provides a warm, welcoming environment for families via the following scheduled events and functions: Family Breakfast, Movie Nights, Family Spirit Nights, Annual Family Picnic, Veterans Day Celebration, Awards Ceremonies: Registration/Uniform Nights, Fine Arts Showcases featuring Chorus, General Music and Art Show, Father and Daughter Dance Meet the Teacher, Open House, Community Parades, Christmas Parade, Curriculum Nights, and Technology, Breakout Sessions, Fundraisers such as: The Hoot Scoot, Fall Festival, and Worlds Finest Chocolate.



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Communication

- Athenian Academy's goal is to foster a love for learning in all of our students and families. To ensure this happens, it is imperative that our families are actively involved in their children's lives. Communication occurs via Schoology, Remind, letters from administration and classroom teachers, and the school calendar. Athenian Academy offers Curriculum Nights and Technology Breakout sessions, which are utilized to provide families with support in utilizing Remind and Schoology as well as helping families better understand the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards and the school's curriculum.
- To assist with keeping parents informed of the various activities and functions available to them, Athenian Academy utilizes the following tools for communication purposes:
 - Schoology – Learning Management System for school-wide updates, private messaging, class materials, and progress monitoring.
 - Student planners for handwritten communication, tracking behavior, and check in and check out systems.
 - Families may also email staff members and will occasionally receive mass emails with important information and details about upcoming events.
 - Athenian Academy's website is utilized to provide guests with important information about the school, pictures, Governing Board information, and upcoming events.
 - Phone calls from teachers to provide families with important feedback about each child's progress.
 - Open House, Registration nights, Technology nights, Breakout Sessions, and Curriculum nights to provide families with input and feedback.
 - SAC and Governing Board meetings to provide input regarding the Title 1 program and its funding. Communication occurs via Schoology, letters from administration and classroom teachers, and the school calendar. Athenian Academy offers Curriculum Nights and Technology Breakout sessions, which are utilized to provide families with support in utilizing Schoology, as well as helping families better understand the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards.

Join Us For Family Events:

- ✓ Meet the Teacher
- ✓ Open House
- ✓ Annual Title I Meeting
- ✓ Book Fairs
- ✓ Kona Ice
- ✓ Dippin Dots
- ✓ Family Breakfast
- ✓ McDonalds Night
- ✓ Chili's Night
- ✓ Middle School Dances
- ✓ Fall Festival
- ✓ Papa John's Night
- ✓ Veteran's Day Celebration
- ✓ Holiday Party with Santa
- ✓ Winter Concert
- ✓ Owl Buck Stores
- ✓ Give a Hoot Celebrations
- ✓ Buffalo Wild Wings Night
- ✓ Family Sweetheart Dance
- ✓ World's Finest Chocolate
- ✓ Chick-Fil-A Night
- ✓ SpinNations Nights
- ✓ New Family Orientation
- ✓ Five Guys Night
- ✓ Spring Musical
- ✓ Field Trips K – 8

Why Athenian Academy:

Dynamic Performing Arts Program

- ✓ Art
- ✓ Chorus
- ✓ Musical Productions

Technology

- ✓ Projectors
- ✓ Apple Technology
- ✓ A computer for every child
- ✓ Schoology

Sports Program

- ✓ After school sports programs offered to students throughout the year, such as: flag football, basketball, and volleyball

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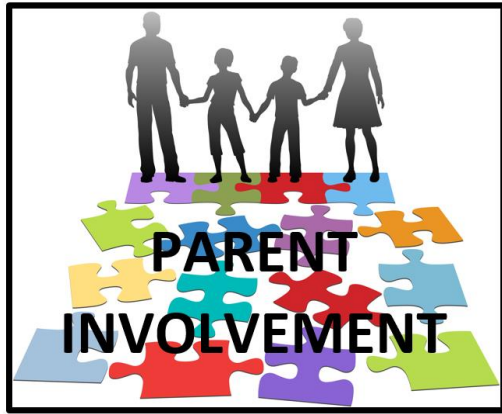
Athenian Academy Parent Involvement Plan

K – 8 Charter School

Administration Team:
Evan Markowitz
Danielle Dudley



**Working Together To Help Your
Child Build A Love For Learning**



Parent Involvement Plan

Athenian Academy has developed a Parent Involvement Plan that identifies programs, activities, procedures and practices they will implement to engage parents. This plan may be viewed on our website.

Parent surveys were completed at the end of the school year to collect input from parents on activities, trainings, and materials needed to help their children succeed. Results of parent surveys are reviewed by the Governing Board and administration when developing to School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the Parent Involvement Plan (PIP). Using the data, the members of the administration team will consider how to use the Title I funds to improve school programs.



Let Your Voice Be Heard

Let your voice be heard! Become involved by participating in the mandatory 20 volunteer hours.

Parents are asked to complete a survey at the end of each year. Let us know what you think of our programs.

Links to both the School Improvement Plan and the Parent Involvement Plan can be found on our school website.



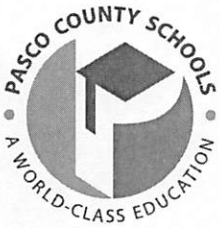
Our Mission

We develop creative and innovative leaders by inspiring a love for learning through student engagement all day, every day.

Our Vision

We will be one of Florida's leading, innovative schools by blending cooperative learning and technology to transform student learning through student engagement.





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Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024
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Each Title I school shall jointly develop with parents and family members of participating children, a written plan that shall describe how the school will carry out the requirements mentioned below. Parents shall be notified of the plan in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practical, provided in a language the parents can understand. The school plan must be made available to the local community and updated and agreed on by parents periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

School's vision for engaging families:

To provide the best educational experience for our families.

What is Required:

Assurances: We will:

- ☒ Involve an adequate representation of parents, or establish a parent advisory board to represent families, in developing and evaluating the "School Parent and Family Engagement Plan" that describes how the school will carry out its required family engagement activities.
- ☒ Hold an annual meeting for families to explain the Title I program and the rights of parents to be involved. Offer other meetings/workshops at flexible times.
- ☒ Use a portion of Title I funds to support parent and family engagement and involve parents in deciding how these funds are to be used.
- ☒ Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program.
- ☒ Develop a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, students, and school staff will share the responsibility for improving student achievement and describes how parents and teachers will communicate.
- ☒ Offer assistance to parents in understanding the education system and the state standards, and how to support their children's achievement.
- ☒ Provide materials and training to help parents support their child's learning at home. Educate teachers and other school staff, including school leaders, on how to engage families effectively.
- ☒ Coordinate with other federal and state programs, including preschool programs.
- ☒ Provide information in a format and language parents can understand and offer information in other languages as feasible.

Principal: 

Date: April 8, 2023

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EVERY TITLE I SCHOOL IN PASCO COUNTY WILL:

- 1. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of their Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Title I program. The school will jointly develop and evaluate the Parent & Family Engagement plan with an adequate representation of parents.**

Describe the method in which parents were involved	We invite families to attend our Governing Board Meetings, as we work on the PFEP, School Improvement Plan, Needs Assessment, and Budget. Families are invited through our learning management system, Schoology, a letter, and flyer. Families are also able to provide feedback on our PFEP through Schoology. Finally, families can provide feedback through our family survey. Feedback is documented in Schoology.
Date of meeting to gather parent input for Comprehensive Needs Assessment	March 23 was when the school's Parent Survey was formulated to gather family input.
Date of meeting to gather parent input for this Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan	March 23 was when the school received input from families for the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

- 2. Develop a school-home compact that outlines how parents, students, and school staff will share the responsibility for improving student achievement and describes how parents & teachers will communicate.**

How were parents invited to develop or revise the compact?	Families are invited through our learning management system, Schoology, a letter, and flyer. Families are also able to provide feedback through Schoology. Finally, families can provide feedback through our family survey. Feedback is documented in Schoology.
Date of parent meeting to develop or revise the compact	March 23
What communication methods will be used between teachers & parents as well as school & parents?	Schoology, email, planners, phone calls, and in person conferences
Elementary schools are required to hold at least one face to face conference with parents. Explain your process?	Our teachers are required to conference with families at least twice a year in person. Teachers are required to document all conferences and meeting notes in a conference binder.

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3. Hold an annual meeting for families to explain the Title I program and the rights of parents to be involved.

What information is provided at the meeting? How are parents notified of the meeting?	This meeting is held in conjunction with our Open House, to ensure high attendance. Families receive information about Title I, the school's curriculum, assessments, how data is utilized, how our funds are utilized, the SIP, and parent involvement and service opportunities. Families are notified through letters, flyers, website, Schoology, Remind, Facebook, and planners.
Tentative date and time(s) of the Annual Title I Meeting and steps taken to plan the meeting	The Annual Title I Meeting is scheduled for August 22 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting agenda and PowerPoint are planned together as a team with families and staff.
How do parents who are not able to attend receive information from the meeting?	Parents who are unable to attend the Annual Title I Meeting receive a folder, which includes all the Title I information. In addition, this information is shared in Schoology.
How are parents informed of their rights?	Parents receive a Parent's Right to Know letter, which includes this information.

4. Use a portion of Title I funds to support parent and family engagement and involve parents in deciding how these funds are used.

Allocation	\$4,000
Explain how these funds will be used this school year	These funds will be utilized to purchase food and materials for family engagement/curriculum nights for families.
How are parents involved in deciding this?	Parents provide feedback through the family survey and at our March planning meeting.
How did you document parent input?	Parent survey and meeting notes.

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5. Provide assistance, training, workshops, events, and/or meetings for parents to help them understand the education system, curriculum, standards, state assessments and achievement levels.
- Best practice is to hold parent events that teach caregivers a new tip, tool, or strategy, that parents can use at home with their child to help reinforce what they are learning in the classroom.
 - Think of Family Engagement as a strategy to reach the goal of student achievement
 - Offer workshops, events and/or meetings at flexible dates/times. (i.e., morning, evening, lunch, Saturdays). Provide information to parents in a timely manner and in an easy-to-read format.

<u>Building Capacity of Families</u>								
SuP goals	Title/Description of Strategy	How will this impact student achievement?	When will this occur?	When applicable, indicate the services you will provide to families.				How will this support learning at home?
				Transportation	Meal	Childcare	Translation	
1. Curriculum	Technology Night	Help families access curriculum resources online via Schoology/Ed Friend in Learning	August 22 at 6:30 p.m.		X	X	X	Families will be able to support student learning at home.
2. Achievement Levels, Expectations, and Assessments	Open House	Review the curriculum resources and grade level standards	August 23 at 6:30 p.m.		X	X	X	Families will be able to support student learning at home.

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3. Progress Monitoring	In person conferences and reports	At least twice a year plus progress reports and report cards.	At least twice a year plus progress reports and report cards.			X	X	Families will be involved in monitoring their child's progress and guiding their child at home.
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Explain how parents are provided information regarding the curriculum, achievement levels, progress monitoring and assessments.	This information is shared at Open House, Technology Night, Progress and Report Cards, and conferences.
How will workshops/events be evaluated? How will the needs of parents be assessed to plan future events?	Feedback is generated through our family survey. Parents specifically requested a technology night, so we added that this year.
Describe how the needs of parents/families who speak a language other than English will be met at workshops/events.	We have multiple team members who speak languages other than English who can provide support.
What are the barriers for parents to attend workshops/events and how do you overcome these?	We try to schedule events in the mornings and events at times that are suitable for families.
How are flexible dates and times for meetings, events and/or workshops offered? (Give examples)	We provide events on various days throughout the week and during the mornings and evenings. We also provide food to help support families in evening hours.
How are the needs of parents with disabilities accommodated to ensure they have access to meetings, workshops, and/or events?	Preferential seating is provided to families who need additional accommodations. We work with all families to accommodate their schedules and needs. Childcare is also provided to support families.

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7. Utilize strategies to ensure meaningful Communication

Describe the methods that will be used to ensure meaningful, ongoing communication between home and school	Information is shared on the school's website, Schoology, Facebook, Remind, through flyers and letters, email, and through a student planner. At least 2 in person conferences are held with each family as well.
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8. Educate and build the capacity of school staff on ways in which to work with and engage families effectively as well as the importance of parent engagement in increasing student achievement. Explain your plan for this school year.

<u>Topic/Title</u>	<u>How does this help staff build school/parent relationships?</u>	<u>Format for Implementation: workshop, book study, presenter, etc.</u>	<u>Who is the audience?</u>	<u>Tentative Date/Time</u>
Family Engagement	How to provide top-notch service when working with families, guests, and community partners.	Workshop	All staff	08/02 at 8:30 a.m.
Family Engagement	Lessons from the Mouse	PLCs – Book Study	All staff	Ongoing
Advance Cooperative Learning Workshops	Research based cooperative learning practices to improve student learning and engagement with families.	Workshop	All staff	1/8/2024 At 8:00 a.m.

9. Provide an easily accessible resource area where parents and families can get information about the school facility, school policies, contacts, academic assistance, community resources and other materials.

<u>Location of Resource Center/Area</u>	<u>Person responsible for monitoring and updating Resource Center/Area</u>	<u>List a sampling of materials made available in the Resource Center/Area</u>
Administration Bookshelf and Schoology	Danielle Dudley	Handbooks, contact information, Schoology information, curriculum resources, pacing guides, community partners, Title I information, Digital Citizenship, and parent guides

Principal: 

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