



# Delta Innovative School

## 2023-2024 Parent & Family Engagement Policy

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Through  
Action

### 2023-2024 Brooks County School District Improvement Goals

- Goal 1: Brooks County School District will increase the percentage of students scoring Developing or higher by 3% as measured by the Spring 24 End of Grade and End of Course Georgia Milestones Assessment System.
- Goal 2: Brooks County School District will improve areas of the climate rating by 3% through the implementation of targeted resources and interventions.

### 2023-2024 School Improvement Goals for Delta Innovative School

- Using the HMH Growth Measure Beginning of Year scores as a baseline, 80% of DIS students will increase their reading proficiency during the 2023-2024 school year as measured by the HMH Growth Measure End of Year scores.
- During the 2023 - 2024 school year, Delta Innovative School will decrease the number of students missing more than 10% of their enrolled days.
- During the 2023 - 2024 school year we will maintain a minimum graduation rate of 80%.



### A Look At Title I

Delta Innovative School (DIS) 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 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.

### What is Our Plan For Shared Student Achievement?

This is a plan that describes how DIS will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. DIS 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 DIS 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.

A survey is shared with parents to collect information to assist in the review and revision of this parent and family engagement policy, the annual school improvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget for DIS. Parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year via our parent engagement coordinator.

Our 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 following school year. Parents and family members can also give feedback during the various parent meetings and activities hosted by our parent engagement coordinator during the school year including our district's annual Lend Your Voice event.. Parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year via our parent engagement coordinator. Our 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 following school year. Parents and family members can also give feedback during the various parent meetings and activities hosted by our parent engagement coordinator during the school year including our district's annual Lend Your Voice event.

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

At the beginning of the year, a hard copy of the plan is distributed to all students. The plan is also disseminated via email and text using our Trojan app, posted on the school website and social media, and a hard copy can be retrieved from the Parent Resource Room at DIS.

### Parent Resource Room

Come visit our DIS Parent Resource Room to check out resources to support your child's path to graduation and post-graduation, GMAS study materials, and strategies to use at home with your Trojan. Computers are available for parents to explore district resources and educational materials.

Monday - Friday  
7:30 am - 3:30 pm



### The Delta Innovative School's Parent Action Committee

DIS invites all parents to join the DIS Parent Action Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and our community. The team will meet four times 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, social media, and website. If you would like to learn more about the DIS Parent Action Committee, please contact the principal at (229) 588-2351, or send an email to Mr. Thomas at [lthomas@brooks.k12.ga.us](mailto:lthomas@brooks.k12.ga.us).

### School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, DIS and our families will develop a school-parent compact, an agreement between parents, teachers, and students 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 Lend Your Voice event and the monthly Coffee and Conversations meetings with principals. The school-parent compact is posted on our website, shared via our Trojan app, and made available in the front office if a parent needs additional copies.

### Our Commitment To You

DIS 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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# The Delta Way

DIS 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 annual school goals. Delta Innovative School's staff will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with literacy and math activities/strategies for our Trojans outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during the professional learning community meetings.
- Partner with community stakeholders, middle and post-secondary schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children to hold true to their pledge to graduate (P2G).



- Share information in English and Spanish with 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, 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 Community Partners and Parent Action Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Offer requested workshops for parents and family members to help further enhance their skills.
- 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 Invite You To Join Us!

### Delta Innovative School's Parent Night

- September 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

### Title I Parent Information Night: September 18, 2023

- This meeting will be recorded and made available on our school website.

### Monthly Coffee & Conversations

- Second Tuesday of Every Month

### Parent Engagement Meetings

- Monthly meetings will be hosted by Mr. Lucas, Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator

### Annual Parent Survey

- March 2024

Additional information can be found on our website, social media, and via texts sent on the Trojan app! Be sure to follow our journey, the Delta Way!

Coffee & Conversations with the Principals 2023-2024		
Monthly Meeting Locations Will Be Shared Each Month		
August 8, 2023	4:45 - 5:45	<b>What's in Store for 23-24?</b> <small>Guests: Assistant Principals</small>
September 12, 2023	8:30 - 9:30	<b>Attendance Counts!</b> <small>Guests: Counselors</small>
October 10, 2023	4:45 - 5:45	<b>Navigating Technology</b> <small>Guests: Media Specialists</small>
November 14, 2023	8:30 - 9:30	<b>Parent Engagement Matters!</b> <small>Guests: Parent Engagement Coordinators</small>
January 9, 2024	4:45 - 5:45	<b>School Safety</b> <small>Guest: School Resource Officers</small>
February 13, 2024	8:30 - 9:30	<b>Community Resources</b> <small>Guest: School Social Worker</small>
March 12, 2024	4:45 - 5:45	<b>GMAS Resources</b> <small>Guests: Assistant Principals</small>
April 9, 2024	8:30 - 9:30	<b>Year in Review</b> <small>Guests: District Directors / CLIP Team</small>
May 14, 2024	4:45 - 5:45	<b>Summer Learning</b> <small>Guests: ECHOES Site Directors</small>



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