



DEKALB EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY
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TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

2015-2016

The mission of DeKalb County, Georgia School District
is to form a collaborative effort between home and school that maximizes students' social and academic potentials preparing them to compete in a global society.

The mission of DeKalb Early College Academy
DeKalb Early College Academy strives to create a dynamic learning community where scholars are immersed in a college preparatory curriculum, community service, and multiple career paths through college exposure.

Overview

In order to guarantee student success, partnerships among schools and parents are vital. Parents are encouraged to participate on school committees such as the Title I Committee, School Council, and School Advisory Committee. At DeKalb Early College Academy, we recognize that parents are their children's primary teachers and their support is critical in our efforts to provide a quality education for the students. In order to maximize the success of our students, the following programs have been planned to involve parents in planning, organizing, implementation, and review.

DeKalb Early College Academy will conduct Title I Orientation and Curriculum Night at the beginning of the school year to establish a relationship with the entire school community to ensure progress of all students. This will include administrators, teachers, parents, and students.

- **Curriculum Night:** (Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 4pm) An explanation and description of DeKalb Early College Academy's curriculum, school mission statement, important dates, and academic assessments to be administered will be detailed. Other school/classroom policies and proficiency levels that students are expected to achieve will be explained.
- **Title I Staff Orientation:** (Wednesday, September 2, 2015) Faculty and Staff Orientation will address the value and utility of parent inclusion and how to reach out

to communicate and work with parents as equal partners to build ties between home and community. A presentation explaining to faculty and staff what it means to be a school-wide Title I School and how DeKalb Early College Academy Title I funds are used to support parents' and students' needs will be discussed. The school's Title I School-Wide Improvement Plan (SWP) will be discussed and the goals established for this school year will be reviewed to ensure that faculty and staff are familiar with their roles in helping DeKalb Early College Academy attain set goals.

- **Title I Annual Meeting:** (Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6:30pm) During this meeting, parents will receive orientation on Title I school-wide program requirements and DeKalb Early College Academy participation. The Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Parental Involvement Policy, Parent-Student-Teacher Compact and parent's responsibility for supporting their children's learning will also be addressed. At this meeting, parents will be invited to use resources available in the Parent Center/Career Center. Prior to the meeting, parents will receive a copy of DeKalb Early College Academy's Title I Parental Involvement Packet including a copy of DeKalb Early College Academy School-Parent Compact, Title I Parental Involvement Policy explaining the Title I Program, Parental Involvement Policy Statement of Assurance and proficiency levels students are expected to meet will be in the packet. Information and opportunities for non-English speaking parents to participate in the education of their children will also be provided. At the conclusion of the meeting, parents will be given a Parent Involvement Survey link to complete online (this link will be also be emailed).

In addition to Title I Annual Meeting, the following meetings and programs will be offered at flexible times to meet the needs of parents at DeKalb Early College Academy. These programs were planned in response to parent's concerns. Parent's input is important and continues to be a part of the planning and development of new and expanding programs.

- **Grade Level Title I Parent Meetings** – 9th/10th August 19, 11th August 13th, and 12th TBD. All meetings will begin at 6:30pm.
- **After School Tutoring Program Orientation** (October 8, 2015 at 9am): This orientation will focus on the After School Program. Parents will be asked to make recommends that will help improve services offered to students. Parents will receive strategies and methods on how they can effectively help their children at home.
- **Title I Literacy and Computer Basics** (September 13, 2015 at 10am)- Discuss fundamental computer literacy to help your child be successful and to help you increase communication with DECA.
- **Title I Build Ties to DECA** (January 13, 2016 at 12pm) – Discuss how to monitor your child's progress and work with educators to improve their achievement at DECA and GPC.
- **Title I Parent Workshop** (November 14, 2015 at 9am) – Workshop to help parents learn academic strategies they can use at home to help their child with homework and prepare them for high-stakes test.

- **Title I Data and Dessert Meeting** (February 24, 2016 at 3pm)- Workshop on how to designed to teach parents how to access on-line assessments and how to interpret student assessment data
- **After School Tutoring:** (September 21, 2014 – May 15, 2014 tentatively) Emphasis will be upon accelerated learning for students not making adequate academic progress during the regular school day. Specific focus will be on accelerating the students' progress in math, reading and writing across the curriculum. Parents will receive strategies and ideas on how they can help improve their children's performance.

DeKalb Early College Academy uses the following communication methods to provide timely information about Title I programs and the academic progress of their children. Information about school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be sent to parents in a practical format.

- **Parent-teacher Conferences:** These conferences will provide parents with information about the academic assessments to be used and the proficiency levels of their children. Parents are encouraged to make appointments to talk with their children's teachers anytime they believe conferences are needed. Teachers are encouraged to contact parents whenever they believe conferences will benefit students.
- **DeKalb Early College Academy Website:** Information about DeKalb Early College Academy will be addressed and updated on the school's website. Assessment dates, clubs meetings, school socials, Parental Involvement meetings, PTA meetings, grade level meetings, and any programs or issues that parents need to be aware of will be addressed on the website.
- **DeKalb Early College Academy Email Group:** Parents are consistently informed of important information, relevant dates, activities, and events through school-wide e-mails and the DeKalb Early College Academy website.
- **Parent Survey:** At the beginning of the school year, a survey will be posted on DECA's website. The data collected will be submitted to DeKalb County School District, Office of Federal Programs. Any unsatisfactory comments will be reviewed to see how DECA can address them in the Title 1 School-Wide School Improvement Plan (SWP).

DECA will begin using Remind101 in the near future. Please lookout for an email with more information!