The National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships
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Communicating Effectively —
Families and school staff engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.
- Respond to communications sent home from the school
- Sign up and interact with teachers using the parent portal
- Ask questions when unclear about topics such as homework assignments and standardized testing
- Facilitate connections and conversations among educators and families

Collaborating with Community —
Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.
- Seek community partners who are able to serve on school committees
- Develop community partnership activities that link to learning
- Help host community forums that enable parents and other community partners to learn about school initiatives and develop a shared vision for student success

Supporting Student Success —
Families and school staff continuously collaborate to support students’ learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.
- Make sure your child goes to school prepared to learn everyday
- Work with the school to establish and monitor career and academic achievement goals with your child
- Learn about the Georgia Standards of Excellence and assessments

Sharing Power —
Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.
- Attend school board meetings, which are open to the public
- Learn how your child’s school system operates
- Participate in Title I parent meetings and provide input on parent activities that can help increase student achievement

Welcoming All Families —
Families are active participants in the life of the school, and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.
- Regularly participate in school events
- Make your presence known by visiting your child’s classroom and school often
- Personally introduce yourself to teachers and staff
- Inform teachers and the school leadership team about your talents, skills, and abilities

Speaking Up for Every Child —
Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.
- Learn about areas where your school needs to improve and then mentor students in the subjects areas you are comfortable teaching
- Advocate for Title I academic programs that will benefit all children
- Empower other parents to become leaders in their child’s education