



Title I Schoolwide Programs Transition Plan 2019 - 2020

School: Forest Pines Drive Elementary

How will you create a seamless and coherent educational program particularly for at-risk students?

Forest Pines Drive Elementary creates a coherent educational program for students through ongoing teacher collaboration. In addition to grade level collaboration, classroom teachers and intervention teachers collaborate monthly to ensure that they are working together to meet the needs of each student.

How will your school plan for the transition of students from home/preschool to kindergarten?

Kindergarten Students transition to Public School

- Forest Pines Drive Elementary School holds a Kindergarten Open House in the spring. This event provides families with an opportunity to learn about public school expectations as well as visit kindergarten classrooms. School-specific information and information about kindergarten readiness is shared with families.
- Title I offers eligible students the opportunity to participate in Early Start, a transitional kindergarten summer program. FPDE staff will provide information about this program to families during kindergarten registration. Students who meet the criteria of limited preschool experience will be invited to participate in a screening to determine eligibility for the program.
- Kindergarten students are given additional support to transition into public school during their first day of school. During the process of staggered entry, approximately five students (per classroom) will come to school for one day. This allows the classroom teachers and other support staff an opportunity to assess students in a small group setting while also transitioning to the elementary school environment.
- School tours will be provided by our counselor for interested kindergarten families.

What strategies will your school implement to help students transition at critical transition points within their school career? (second grade to third grade; fifth grade to sixth grade)

Second Grade Students transition to Third Grade

- All second and third grade students will be invited to Meet the Teacher prior to the start of school.
- Following BOG3, second and third grade 'reading buddies' will be encouraged.
- Third graders will write letters to incoming second graders about their experiences in third grade.
- Second grade students will prepare questions related to third grade. Third grade will form 'expert groups' to visit second grade and respond to the questions.
- Second and third grade teachers will collaborate at the end of the school year to discuss individual student needs and provide input regarding class placement.



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Fifth Grade Students transition to Middle School

- Fifth grade teachers will introduce the middle school grading system by giving class-work and homework assignments percentage grades during the fourth quarter.
- Forest Pines will host a celebration for rising sixth grade students.
- Fifth grade teachers will invite middle school counselors and student representatives to attend a middle school information night during the spring semester. The Forest Pines school counselor will discuss school assignment and class selection, as well as address questions related to middle school.
- Teachers will encourage students to attend middle school nights at their respective middle schools.