

# Family Involvement & Engagement Program at Hardy Elementary

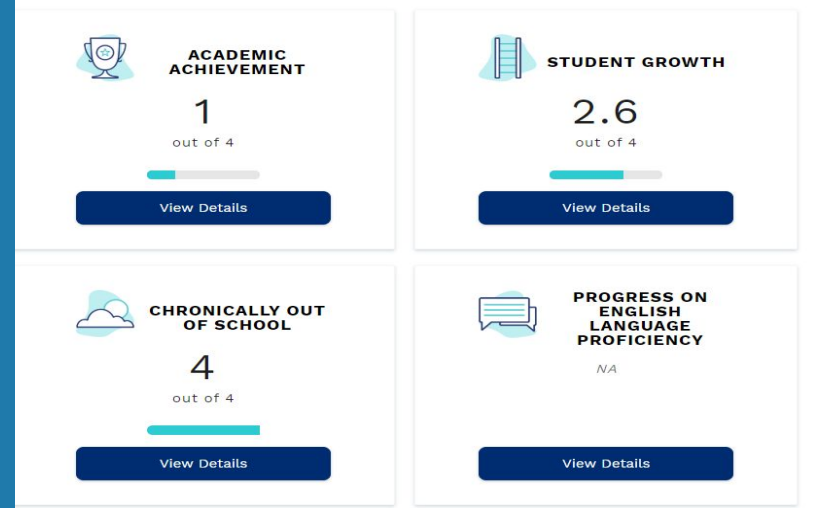
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# Social Problem

## Low Academic Achievement

- Bottom 5% (Hamilton County Department of Education, 2018)
- Standardized academic scores and reading benchmarks (TN Department of Education, 2018)
- “Priority school” and Opportunity Zone
  - Increase in funding
- Lack of Caregiver Involvement
  - (Oulhote & Grandjean, 2016)
- Barriers



# Uniqueness of the Family Involvement & Engagement Program

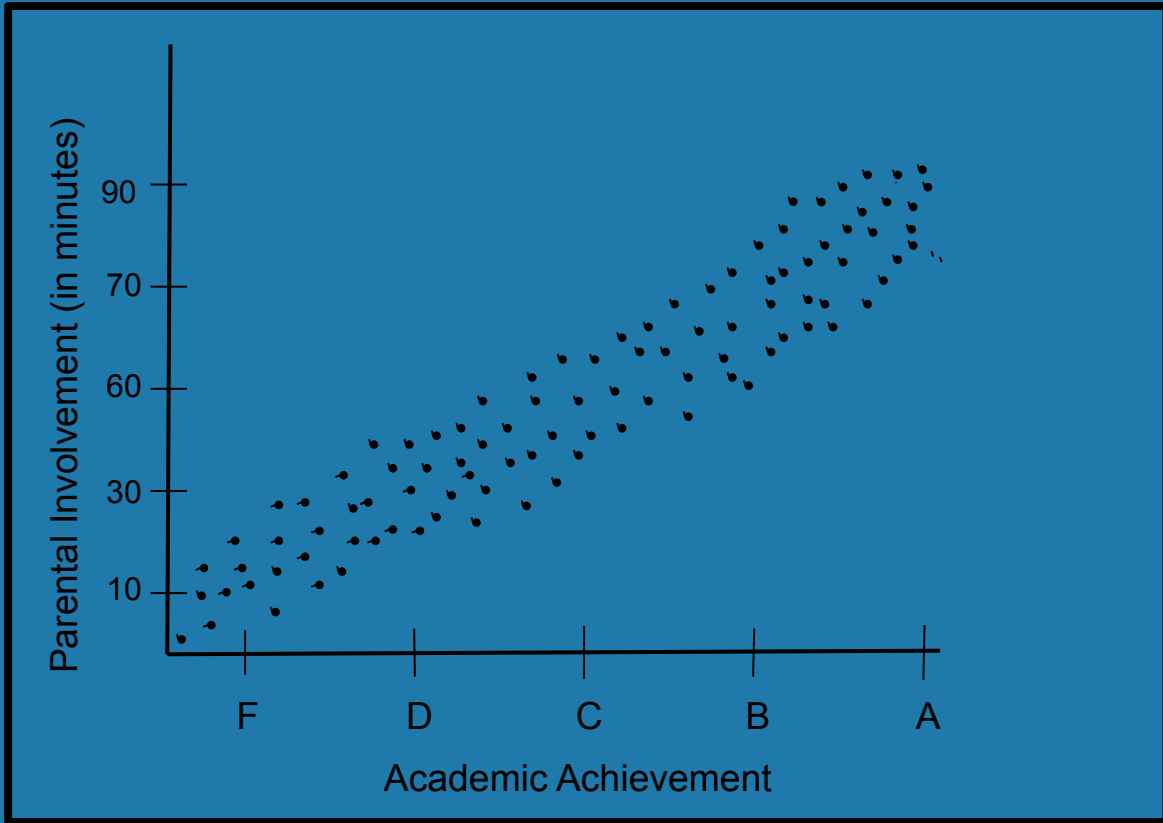
- **Involvement Component**
  - Needs Assessment Survey
  - Monthly theme nights
  - Rewards and Incentives
- **Engagement Component**
  - Take-home activities each month
  - Promotes communication:
    - Between faculty and families
    - Between caregivers and child



# Main Goals

To improve the students' academic achievement

Progress →



# Main Activities

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SURVEYS!

Theme Nights: Cooking, Money, Sports,  
etc.

Take-Home Activities: Building,  
Cooking, Creating, etc.

= CREDITS/POINTS!



# Evaluation Plan

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The students who attend Hardy Elementary School and their families are the direct recipients of the program.

- Surveys at the end of every monthly theme night
  - This will allow us to have an understanding if the theme nights and the take-home activities are helping the parents become more involved.

End Results: Analyze the state standardized testing and school reading benchmarks after they're completed and compare the data with the previous years.

# Sustainability

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## Community Based

Intentional relationships forged with community partners: Boys and Girls Club of Chattanooga, Big Brothers and Sisters, Rockpoint Church, etc.



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