

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT SUCCESS

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What is Title I?

Smyrna Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Our school builds ties between home and school by educating teachers, pupil services personnel, administration, and other staff by gathering input from parents on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal educational partners. Our school partnerships with the local community.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP:



Smyrna Elementary Happenings and You're are invited! – Let's Get Together!

Smyrna Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All parents of children participating in the Title I program are encouraged to attend parent meetings and scheduled family fun nights. Smyrna Elementary will offer a flexible number of additional meetings such as in the morning or evening so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

State of the School/Annual Title I Parent Meeting: -We will discuss Title I expenditures, the Schoolwide Program Plan, the Parental Involvement Plan, and the School-Parent Compact. Student achievement data from the previous year will also be reviewed. The meeting will be announced on the school marquee and on the school's website.

The Family Mentorship & Partnership: The network the family mentorship & partnership (FMPN) is a 12 week, one-on-one, family engagement session for our parents that exposes participants to strategies linking adult self-efficacy and Family & Community Engagement (FACE) to school success. The FMPN session rests on a foundation of five key FACE Components whereby participation will positively impact their child's student achievement. 1st session will be scheduled by 09/07/2021.

School Opportunity Forum - Input Parent Policy and Compact Review (includes input to design the Parental Activities Plan)

Fall – Tuesday, October 05, 2021 – Title I Survey

Spring – Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Building Staff Capacity Training: PL#1 – Thursday, September 9, 2021 PL#2 – Thursday, December 2, 2021 PL#3 – Thursday, January 27, 2022 – PL#4 – Thursday, March 10, 2022 – Encourage and train staff on communicating with students and families. In addition, staff will realize the value and utility of parents in order to build ties between parents and the school.

Kindergarten Transition/Orientation: March 2022– Come and learn about Smyrna Elementary School to prepare your kindergarten student for 2022-2023 - Zoom virtual meeting

Family Reading Night: – 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. – Parents will learn about games and resources to support reading, including resources from the Cobb County Public Library. Zoom virtual meeting

Transition into Middle School/Rising 6th Grade Parent Meeting Night: February 2022 – at Campbell Middle School – This meeting will inform parents about the instruction, programs, rules, and regulations for middle school. This will support parent understanding and participation as their students transition to middle school. Zoom virtual meeting

All Parents/guardians of students attending Smyrna Elementary are invited to participate in all planned events and activities. Communication will be provided in an understandable language, translation of materials documents shared with parents/guardian is available upon request.

Cobb County District Goals 2021-2022

Increase student performance in all core content areas by 2% annually as measured by achievement data. CCSD will increase the participation rate of families and communities engaging in services/programs by 10% as measured by CTLS Parent data, survey results & web view module.

By 2023, we will reorganize the PL framework to meet the needs of all schools to ensure alignment with Superintendent Priorities as measured by PL opportunities, surveys, and student achievement.

By the end of 2025 school year every school will have identified practices and resources that support student success as measured by student academic, perception or discipline data.

Smyrna Elementary Goals 2021-2022

Reading: Increase by 5% the number of students reading on grade level as measured by RI and Next Step Forward in Guided Reading Assessment (K-2) during the 2021-2022 school year.

Math: Increase by 5% the number of students performing on grade level in math as measured by MI (Proficient or Advanced) during the 2021-2022 school year.

Parent Resource Room

Come visit the Parent Resource Room to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are also available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

If Interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact the Parent Facilitator

Ana Riley, (Room 1148) 678-842-6741 Ext. 057 Monday-Friday, 7:10 AM – 11:00 AM

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Smyrna Elementary School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Smyrna Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Smyrna Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Smyrna Elementary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised? Smyrna Elementary School invited has jointly developed this policy and compact with our parents to describe how we will support the important role of parents in the education of their children. In cases where the student resides in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that Facility can serve as a proxy for parent(s). At Smyrna Elementary, we build capacity for parent/community involvement by implementing the six types of involvement: Parenting, Communications, Parent Volunteering, Learning at Home, Decision-making and Governance, and Collaboration and Exchanges in the Community. This policy will be distributed to all students in their Tuesday Folders. The policy will be distributed to Smyrna Elementary Partners in Education, along with Community Friends of Smyrna Elementary throughout the year.

Who is it for? 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 Policy. Smyrna Elementary School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent (s)

Where is it available? The plan is available in the front office. The plan will also be posted on the school Website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

Smyrna Elementary will continue to build strong parent engagement!

In order to ensure effective involvement, we encourage all families to

be education partners in their children's school success by:

- Inviting parents to attend all meetings by giving the Smyrna Elementary Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- Inviting parents to serve on committees such as the School Council, School Improvement Plan Committee, Parent Policy/Compact Action Planning Committee, and the PTA Title I Planning Committee.
- Providing meetings held during the school day and outside school hours. These dates and times are listed in the Smyrna Elementary Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- Visiting our Parent Resource Center (Rm 1148 located in the Media Center) at any time during regular school hours of operation where materials are provided for check out. Parents can check out Grade Level Reading books, take home materials on various topics, make and take academic packets for parents to assist their children, books on child development, academic strategies, self-help strategies, and multiple games and books to increase student achievement, where materials are provided for check out. Various topics might include child devolvement, academic homework strategies, self-help strategies, and multiple games and books to increase student achievement.
- Providing transitioning activities such as assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood programs and for helping students transition into Middle School. The transition of preschool students to Kindergarten consists of an orientation for students and parents, inviting local preschool students to tour the school, interact with Kindergarten teachers, students and the curriculum. A three-day "Kindergarten Camp" will be established to aid in the transition from preschool to Kindergarten.
 - Providing reasonable support such as snacks and transportation for after-school tutoring; transportation for students involved in 2 of our mentoring programs; childcare at school during parent informational nights; Meetings are offered during and after school hours for parental convenience; administration holds quarterly meets at local apartment complexes.

SCHOOL –FAMILY COMPACTS

As part of this plan, Smyrna Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The parent compact was developed jointly with our parents, staff, and student's revision date as on page one. Smyrna Elementary compacts will be reviewed annually and given out during conference week.

Family Engagement

Parents will receive information from our school in a timely manner. Smyrna Elementary uses the following communication methods to provide parent with timely information:

Daily Folders for Kindergarten/ 1stGrade
Smyrna Elementary Website
Twitter: Smyrna Elementary@ twitter
Like us on FB @ Smyrna Elementary
Agendas, Classroom newsletters, blogs
Texts

ParentVUE
CTLS Parents
Tuesday Folders
Marquee