

South Hart Elementary School

Parent / Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2017-2018 School Year

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What is Title I?

South Hart Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the 2015 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 parent/family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent/family engagement plan.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how South Hart Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. South Hart Elementary School 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 South Hart Elementary School 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 developed? South Hart Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school's website for parents to view. Feedback regarding the plan should be sent in writing to the administrators. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent/family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during our annual Title I meeting to revise the plan for the upcoming school 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 plan. South Hart Elementary School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan will be distributed to all students during the first week, as well as made available during our annual Meet the Teacher night. This document will be made available for all new students enrolling and will be posted on the school website. The Parent/Family Engagement Plan Notebook is in Front Office and Media Center.

"The mission of South Hart Elementary School is to prepare all individuals to soar above tomorrow's challenges by providing quality educational opportunities today."

Family Learning Communities (FLCs)

South Hart Elementary School will host Family Learning Communities (FLCs) to build the capacity for strong parent/family engagement. This is a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

During Pre-planning: **July 31, 2017** **5:00–6:00 PM Pre-K and K: Meet the Teacher**

4:00–6:00 PM 1st– 5th: Meet the Teacher

Parents and students will meet their new teacher(s) and ask questions relevant to the upcoming school year.

August 22, 2017: 6:00 PM: Annual Title I Meeting: Parents will learn about our Title I program including our Parent/Family Engagement policy, the School-Wide Improvement Plan, and the School-Parent Compact.

6:30 PM: Curriculum Night: Parents will learn about curriculum standards, Whooo's Reading, and expectations for their child this school year. Parents will also learn about the Standards Based Report Card for grades K-3.

September 22, 2017: 8:00 AM SOAR Program -presented by 4th and 5th grade students on the 7 Mindsets and MAP Parent Training Session:

Parents will attend a MAP data workshop at 8:00 am in the gym to learn how to understand their child's MAP report.

October 09, 2017: Early Release Day / Parent Conferences: Parents will conference with their child's teacher about their progress, review MAP test data, and compacts. Teachers will model subject specific instructional strategies for parents during this time.

November 10, 2017: 8:00 AM Veterans Day SOAR Program (Mindset #1 "Everything is Possible" & Mindset #2 "Attitude of Gratitude")- presented by K and 1st grade students and Social Studies Standards Training for Parents: Parents will learn how Social Studies and Reading standards are correlated to improve literacy.

February 23, 2018: 8:00 AM SOAR Program (Mindset #3 "100% Accountable" Mindset #4 "Passion First", & Mindset #5 "We are Connected") / Lucy Calkins Readers and Writers Workshop Informational Session for Parents – Parents will learn how the state adopted curriculum for teaching reading and writing is used in the classroom.

March 12, 2018: Early Release Day / Parent Conferences: Parents will conference with their child's teacher about their progress, review MAP test data, and compacts. Teachers will model subject specific instructional strategies for parents during this time.

March 15, 2018: 6:00 PM Georgia Milestones Informational Meeting-Parents will receive guidance on how to prepare their child for the Georgia Milestones, as well as, interpreting Milestones results and expectations.

March 22, 2018: 5:00-6:30 PM Literacy Night -Students and their families will explore reading strategies to increase independent reading skills.

May 4, 2018: 8:00 AM SOAR Program (Mindset #6 "The Time is Now" & Mindset #7 "Live to Give")/STEM Day/Parental Advisory Council Meeting. SOAR program presented by student leaders. Statewide STEM Day for students following SOAR program.

June 2018 Parent/Family Engagement Meeting: This work session will be devoted to the review, revision, development, and improvement of the Title I Program documents. The use of parental/family engagement funds will be discussed. All parents are invited to attend.

Parent/Family Engagement

South Hart Elementary School believes that parent/family engagement means the participation of parents and teachers in meaningful communication.

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- Participation in other activities as described in this plan.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, South Hart Elementary School and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This is an agreement that parents and teachers will develop together, that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school – parent compact is available on South Hart's school website and families may also request a copy from their child's teacher.

South Hart Elementary is SOARING!

South Hart Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals. **We will:**

- ✓ Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is available in multiple languages, posted on the school's website, and included in monthly school newsletters.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent/family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and daycare programs to share school information about parent/family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Communicate with families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, such as phone messages, emails, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent/family engagement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parent/family engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent/family engagement activities.
- ✓ Partner with Hart County Middle School to prepare parents and students for the transition from

2017-2018 District Goals

The Hart County Charter System is committed to academic excellence. The mission of the district is to prepare all individuals to meet tomorrow's challenges by providing quality educational opportunities today. The district has set the following goals for 2017-2018:

- The Hart County Charter System's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score will be equal to or better than the state's CCRPI score.
- Students in the Hart County Charter System will demonstrate academic growth in the area of language (including reading, language, and writing) as measured by state and local assessments.

2017-2018 School Goals

- South Hart Elementary School's CCRPI will be equal to or better than the State's CCRPI score.
- South Hart Elementary School's score on the Georgia Milestones—End of Grade Assessment in all academic areas will be equal to or greater than the State's score.



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory, please provide us with your comments in the space below and leave this form in the main office.

Name: (Optional) _____

Telephone Number: (Optional) _____

Comment(s):
