

***Sugarmill Elementary School  
Parent Involvement Plan  
for Shared Student Success***

***2016-2017 School Year***



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**What is Title I?**

Sugarmill Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). 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.

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Sugarmill Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Sugarmill 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 Sugarmill 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 developed?** Sugarmill Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey by paper and online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**What feedback indicated?** The yearly survey showed that parents wanted more information on test preparation, state academic standards, and homework help. It also indicated that they would like workshops on reading and math. We will have Academic Parent-Teacher Teams to help parents learn how to help their student(s) at home.

**Who is it for?** All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Sugarmill Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of all parents, parents with limited English, parents of students with disabilities, parents of migratory children, students from the Methodist home as well guardians of children.

**Where is it available?** Once adopted, the plan is posted on-line on the school website, in the parent resource center, and in the front office.



### **2016-17 District Goals**

*-To increase Math GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance at the elementary (53% to 56%), middle (43% to 46%), and high school (56.5% to 59.5%) levels.*

*-To increase ELA GMAS performance at the elementary (45% to 48%), middle (42% to 45%), and high school (50% to 53%) levels.*

### **2016-17 School Goals**

*Increase student percent correct on ELA.*

*Increase student percent correct on Math.*

*Increase student positive behavior.*

**Parent Resource Center Hours**  
**8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Sugarmill Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers. Parents will retain a copy of the compact for their use. Additionally the compact can be viewed on-line, and will be provided to parents upon request. Teachers will review the compacts with parents during conferences.

### **Parent Involvement Standards**

Camden County Schools have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the county's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are –

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Sugarmill Elementary invites all parents to participate in scheduled meetings, to share ideas and ways to involve other parents, and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Meetings are held throughout the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I meetings, please contact the school.

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### Parental Involvement

Sugarmill Elementary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Sugarmill Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. **Please call the school at 912-882-8191 if you have any questions or if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.**

### Sugarmill Elementary is Branching Out!

**Sugarmill Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –**

- ✓ *Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and requested languages (per home language survey), and posted on the school website and included in school newsletter for all parents.*
- ✓ *Conduct on-going staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents. We would love your input and help with the training. Please contact us if you're interested.*
- ✓ *Share information to assist parents in understanding the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.*
- ✓ *Assist parents in setting up parent PowerSchool e-mail alert messages. Please contact the school if you need help with PowerSchool.*
- ✓ *Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, via phone messages, Facebook, monthly calendars, and flyers.*
- ✓ *Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement. Please contact our school or PTO if you are interested in helping.*
- ✓ *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 parental involvement plan and activities.*
- ✓ *Offer parent workshops and information on relevant topics.*
- ✓ *Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.*
- ✓ *Assist parents and students in transitions between early childhood programs and elementary school and between elementary and middle school.*

## Let's Get Together!

***Sugarmill 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.***

- 1. SES School Council Meetings:** The SES School Council meets four times a year. The first meeting is on Friday, August 19th at 10 a.m. We will be discussing test data, Critical Issues and Action Plans, School Improvement Plan/Parent Involvement Plan/School Compact, Title I Budget, documents, and Program Evaluation. Please see our Facebook, Calendar, newspaper, and website for future dates.
- 2. PTO Meetings:** The SES PTO meets monthly. (the first Thursday of the month)
- 3. SES Parent Information Night:** Watch Wednesday folders for the date and time. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sept. 15th
- 4. Pre-K Parent Orientation:** Thursday, Aug 25th at 5:00 p.m.
- 5. Title One Stakeholder Meeting:** Friday, August 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room. Topics to give feedback on: Title One Overview and Eligibility, Test Data, Critical Issues and Action Plans, School Improvement Plan/Parent Involvement Plan, Title One Budget, Parent Involvement Survey Results, Program Evaluation, Parent/Teacher Compact.
- 6. Annual Title One Meeting:** Monday, August 29th at 1:30 p.m. in the front office conference room. All interested parent and community members are invited to attend. Topics to be addressed: Title One Overview and Eligibility, Test Data, Critical Issues and Action Plans, School Improvement Plan/Parent Involvement Plan, Title One Budget, Parent Involvement Survey Results, Program Evaluation, Parent/Teacher Compact.
- 7. SES Fall Festival:** Watch Wednesday folders for the date and time
- 8. Field Day:** Held in May towards the end of school year. Parents are invited to come to volunteer and help run stations.
- 13. K, 3rd-5th APTT:** K-Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and all others are TBD
- 14. 1st-2nd Make It, Take It Nights:** TBD
- 15. Volunteer Training:** Friday, August 15th at 2:30 p.m. and August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. Please see Mrs. Brendle for questions and information.