

Saddle Ridge Elementary/Middle School

Parent/Family Involvement Policy and Plan
2021-2022



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What is Title I?

Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School is identified as a Title I School as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to supplement 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/Family Involvement Policy and Plan

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent/family engagement to support student learning. We value 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 we will support parent/family 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? Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle 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 website for parents to view and give feedback throughout the year. We will also distribute an annual survey online and at a parent/family involvement meeting to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent/family involvement. Parents can also give feedback during any of our parent/family activities and meetings 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. Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Residential facilities at Saddle Ridge Elementary Middle School attendance area are included in the Family Engagement correspondence and activities.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with each student attending Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School. The plan will be posted on our school website and copies will be available at our Annual Title I Meeting held in September. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2021-2022 District Goals

By May 2020, increase by 9% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in English Language Arts in grade 3-8 as measured by the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.

2021-2022 School Goals

Increase the Proficient Learner rate in **Language Arts** for **Elementary** students in 2018 from **28.9% to 35%**.

Increase the Proficient Learner rate in **Language Arts** for **middle** school students in 2018 from **43.62% to 49%**.

The focus for mathematics is:

- Phonics
- Reading Comprehension
- Writing

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School 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

Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School Listens

Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School reviewed your feedback on the Annual Parent Survey and have created this plan accordingly. We will-

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent/family programs, meetings, and other activities are made known to you through our automated telephone service and through email. We will send additional Parent/Family involvement information through quarterly newsletters.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and local PreK programs to share school information about parent/family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their children for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement with a focus on "Helping my child Succeed in School", "Using Technology in Education", "Understanding Academic Content Standards", "Test-taking Skills", and "Common Core Georgia Performance Standards" and "Helping My Child Succeed in Mathematics" during flexible times as indicated on the parent survey (evenings & before lunch).
- ✓ Share information in school newsletters, on school website, and in Parent Resource Center that assists parents with identifying ways they can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, emails, and postings on the website.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Assist parents in finding and participating in classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Saddle Ridge Elementary Middle School and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family – School Partnerships as the school’s model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

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

School Community Team

Saddle Ridge invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and websites. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact Mrs. Ingram at (706) 375-1219

School Community Team

Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.

Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Team.

Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child’s Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with students’ and the school’s goal for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Parental/Family Involvement

Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School believes that parent/family 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;
- ✓ The 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.

Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Please contact our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Brandie Wallin, at 706-375-1219 or brandiewallin@walkerschools.org if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Parent Resource Center Hours
Monday –Friday
7:30am – 2:30pm

It's a Date!

Saddle Ridge Elementary and Middle School plans to 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.

Annual Title I Meeting- October 19th

- ✓ We invite you to a time of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, the requirements and components of Title I Schools and the Title I plan to parents. Invitations will be sent home with students and posted on the school website.

Open House-August 9th

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences

- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Technology Talk- October 25th

- ✓ Catch up on the latest resources to help support your child's learning and orientation to the school's technology resources for your child's use.

Lunch n Learn-TBA

- ✓ Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.
- ✓ Provide feedback to the school about how best to utilize your time and talent in being a partner in your child's education.

Friends and Family Connection- March 25th

- ✓ Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans (school wide plan, parent/family involvement plans, etc.)

Mustangs on the Move- (8th grade)TBA & (6th grade) March 11th

- ✓ Transitional activities for upcoming 6th graders & upcoming 9th graders (moving on to LHS).

Parent/Family Reading Night – December 7th

- ✓ Learn how to make math fun at home all the while supporting your child with important pre-algebra and algebra concepts. Important strategies for K-8 will be shared!