

# Sandy Springs Charter Middle School

## Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

2023-2024 School Year

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### What is Title I?

Sandy Springs Charter Middle 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 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 and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan.



## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This plan describes the different ways the Sandy Springs Charter Middle School will support parent and family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home. There are many opportunities at SSCMS for parents to get involved and play an integral role in their child's education. SSCMS is committed to the goal of involving our parents in all aspects of our school wide program. A partnership will be established with parents and the community to support these efforts. Therefore, we highly encourage parents to join faculty, staff, and their student through some of the following events and programs.



### How is it developed?

All parents were invited last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement, the schoolwide plan, our school-family compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by email to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of the 1% of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan at any time using the form on the last page of this document or by submitting written comments to our school.

### 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. Sandy Springs Charter Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

### Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included on the school website, parent resource room, as well as within our community.

## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### 2023-2024 District Goals

- Increase graduation rate by 2.5% from summer 2023 to summer 2024.
- Increase percentage of students meeting grade level expectations on the Reading/Language Arts Georgia Milestones by 3% from summer 2023 to summer 2024.

### 2023-2024 School Goals (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### **Math:**

By May 2024, 68.3% of students will score at the Developing, Proficient, or Distinguished Level on the Georgia Milestones ELA assessment, an increase of 3%.

#### **ELA:**

By May 2024, 78.4% of students will score at the Developing, Proficient, or Distinguished Level on the Georgia Milestones Math assessment, an increase of 3%.

#### **Focus Areas**

##### Math

Developing an understanding of numbers and operations in all mathematical areas

##### Literacy

- Reading fluency and comprehension
- Vocabulary development

## Let's Get Together!

SSCMS will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community. Materials and training will be provided throughout the school year to help parents work with their child to improve academic achievement. Meetings will be held in a blend of both in-person and virtual formats.

### **Annual Title I Parent Meeting – August 31, 2023**

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

### **Curriculum Night – August 31, 2023**

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### **Technology Night – September 13, 2023**

Learn helpful information on how to navigate in the Parent Portal of Infinite Campus and learn about copyright laws.

### **Student Support/Counseling Workshop – October 18, 2023**

Gather information for supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing.

### **Literacy Night – November 15, 2023**

Learn how to support your student in becoming a confident lover of reading.

### **ELL Night – November 15, 2023**

Learn how to access important information, resources, and get involved in the community.

### **STEM/Math Night – January 15, 2024**

Enjoy a night of STEM activities, games, and information fun for the whole family!

### **Assessment/Data Night – February 21, 2024**

Acquire tools for understanding and using the data and results of your child's testing.

### **Transition Meetings – April 2024**

Gain important information about the next grade level and meet your new teachers! Multiple events will be held throughout the semester and will be presented by the counseling staff from SSCMS and NSHS.



## Parent Resource Center

Days/Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9AM-12PM

Phone: (470)254-4970

Contact Person: Lorena Marchetto-Ganesan  
marchettogam@fultonschools.org

## Parent and Family Engagement

SSCMS believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.

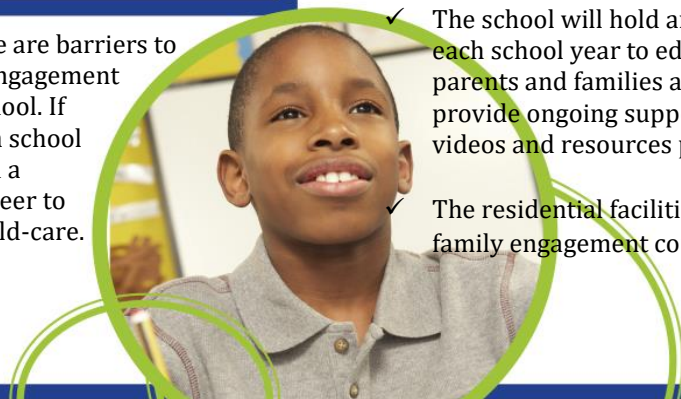
If transportation or child-care are barriers to attending Title I and family engagement events, please contact the school. If possible and when possible, a school representative will try to find a community partner or volunteer to provide transportation or child-care.

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## Sandy Springs is Branching Out!

SSCMS will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish
- ✓ Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards
- ✓ Providing training and workshops to support families on topics such as: technology training (e.g., how-to use Infinite Campus), and academic workshops aligned to student achievement including, but not limited to, SSCMS areas of emphasis: STEM and literacy
- ✓ Providing materials to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement such as ELA/Reading and Math resources available for check out in the Parent Resource Center
- ✓ Providing families with timely information about Title I programs in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand
- ✓ Providing flexible time and number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning and evening. Meetings will be offered in different formats such as virtual or in person.
- ✓ The school will hold an initial in-service in the fall and an additional meeting in the spring each school year to educate all teachers and staff on how to improve communication with parents and families and how to work with parents as equal partners. The school will provide ongoing support to staff through other sources, such as: webinars, instructional videos and resources provided online to build staff capacity throughout the school year.
- ✓ The residential facilities for students in the (SCHOOL) attendance area is included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.



## School-Family Compact

An agreement that parents/families, students, and teachers develop together. It outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually.

## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

SSCMS and our parents have adopted the National PTA 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 Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community



## Coordination of Services

SSCMS will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

*SSCMS will coordinate services with our feeder high school to help students and families make smooth transitions to the next grade level, as well as partner and coordinate services with corporations, small business and other organizations in our surrounding area. These partnerships have been developed to further support and enhance student academic achievement as well as parent and family engagement.*

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you feel any part of this plan is unsatisfactory or have suggestions and/or comments, please write your comments below and/or fill out our Parent Feedback Form available on our school's website and turn it into your child's homeroom teacher. Any unsatisfactory comments will be submitted to the district.

Name/Student's Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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