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Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024
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What is Family Engagement?

Family engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including:

- a. That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- b. That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- c. 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.
- d. The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1010 of the ESSA.

Family Engagement Policy

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Social Circle City Schools, which is 100% highly qualified, has developed this district parental engagement policy along with leadership, Parent Advisory Council, and all stakeholders that establishes the district's expectations for family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in Social Circle Primary(SCPS) and Social Circle Elementary(SCES) School. This plan will describe Social Circle City Schools (SCCS) commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive parental involvement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1010 of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to engage parents in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1010, the SCCS will work with Social Circle Primary and Social Circle Elementary to ensure that the required school-level parental engagement policies meet the requirements of Section 1010(b) and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with Section 1010(d) of the ESSA.

Jointly Developed

During the months of March, April and May all parents were invited to participate and provide suggestions and ideas to improve the family engagement plan for the 2023-2024 school year. All parents were invited to meetings via flyers, DOJO, phone recordings, infinite campus messages, weekly/monthly newsletters, Facebook and school marquee. Additionally, SCPS and SCES use their School Council, faculty, leadership team, (PAC) Parent Advisory Council; fall and spring needs assessment surveys and PTO to review the parental engagement policy before the end of the school year.

Upon final revision, the parental engagement policy was incorporated into the CLIP which was submitted to the state. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the policy at any time during the school year. All feedback received was included with the policy for this school year.

The district and school level parental engagement policy was posted on district and school websites, distributed on the first day of school, during the annual Title I school meetings, and made available in the schools' parent resource center, which is open Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm.

Strengthening Our School

This year, the family engagement coordinator (FEC) will provide assistance and support to Social Circle Primary and Social Circle Elementary Schools to ensure parental engagement requirements are being satisfied and that parent engagement strategies and activities are being implemented. Social Circle Primary and Social Circle Elementary Schools will receive notifications and resources from the district and the FEC to help them improve and strengthen family engagement. In addition to frequent communication and school visits, the district and the FEC will hold meetings and trainings with Social Circle Primary and Social Circle Elementary principals and staff to review family engagement plans and activities. Additionally, the district will host a parent café in April for principals and the FEC to review parental engagement requirements and plan opportunities for parental engagement activities and meetings for the upcoming school year.

Reservation of Funds

The district will provide clear guidance and communication to assist in developing an adequate parental engagement budget that addresses their needs assessment and parent recommendations.

Social Circle Primary School and Social Circle Elementary School will host a variety of information sessions during March, April and May to request input from all parents and provide a needs assessment that will be distributed to all parents at SCPS and SCES.

Opportunities for Parent Consultation

Input and suggestions from parents are an essential component of the district and school improvement plans that are developed each year. All parents of students eligible to receive Title I services are invited to attend all meeting opportunities in order to share their ideas and suggestions to help the district, schools, and students to reach our student academic achievement goals. Social Circle Primary and Social Circle Elementary has an open door policy and parents are encouraged to request a meeting at any time the need arises. SCPS and SCES will work with the parent to schedule the meeting during an agreeable time for all parties involved.

Parent input on the use of Title I funds to support parental engagement programs may also be provided through school surveys. The survey will contain questions related to the parental engagement budget as well as a section for parents to provide their comments.

If you are unable to attend these meetings, please contact Yolondias Colquitt, our FEC (Family Engagement Coordinator) via email Yolondias.Colquitt@socialcircleschools.org or via phone 770-464-1411 or 770-464-2664. Social Circle City Schools has an open door policy and is always willing to meet with parents to accommodate various schedules of parents.

Family Engagement Evaluation

SCPS and SCES will conduct an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental engagement policy and the parental engagement activities to improve the academic quality of Social Circle Primary and Social Circle Elementary through an annual parent survey and parent input meetings.

During the months of October and April, each Title I school will send home a survey for parents to provide valuable feedback regarding the parental engagement activities and programs. These surveys will also be posted on the district and school websites for parents to complete. In addition to the two annual surveys, SCPS and SCES will host parent meetings to facilitate group discussions to discuss the needs of parents and to design strategies for more effective parental engagement.

SCCS will use the findings from all parental input and the survey results to design strategies to improve effective parental engagement, to remove possible barriers to parent participation, and to revise its parental engagement policies.

This parental engagement policy has been developed jointly and agreed upon with parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs as evidenced by the collaboration of parents, and the school.

Accessibility

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements established by Section 1010 of the ESSA, the parent engagement coordinator will communicate and collaborate with the Office for Student Support Services to ensure full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

This policy was adopted by Social Circle City Schools on June 14, 2023 and will be in effect for the 2023-2024 academic school year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before August 31, 2023.