



# Southside Middle School

290 W John Paul Jones Rd  
Effingham, SC 29505

## Annual Title I & Family Engagement Meeting

- ▶ July 29, 2024
- ▶ Ms. Beverly Greene, Principal

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# What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded education program providing supplemental resources to schools that meet the eligibility requirements. Funding is to be focused solely on improving students academic achievement.

These dollars are used to:

- identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students;
- purchase additional staff, programs, materials, and/or supplies; and
- conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities.

All schools in Florence 1 will receive Title I funding for the 2023-2024 school year.

# How does our school use Title I funds?

- We developed a **Schoolwide Program**, which means we plan to spend our funds on the following:
  - Classroom Teachers
  - Two Parenting Workshops
  - Student Incentives
- **These items were determined to be needs by the School Improvement Council and were the indicated as areas of concern on our Fall/Spring Parent & Teacher Surveys that were returned last school year.**

# Title I Documents

- Student-Parent-Teacher-School Compact
- Family Engagement Policy

These documents will be sent home on [August 1, 2024](#).

The Title I Plan is available for parents and the community to view. It is located in the front office.

As a Title I parent or family member you have the right to be involved in the development of these plans. If you would like to share any feedback, please email [rdunkin@fsd1.org](mailto:rdunkin@fsd1.org) or join us at our School Improvement Council/Title I Meetings.

# SSMS Family Engagement Policy

These plans are developed and agreed upon by families/parents, reviewed annually, and address how the district and school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of ESSA Section 116(A)(B).

Components should include:

- timely information about programs
- shared responsibilities for high student academic achievement
- address the importance of communication between teachers and parents
- frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
- providing materials and training to help parents work with their child

F1S Parent and Family Engagement Policy can be found [here](#).

The school Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be shared **August 2024 and a hard copy will be provided to students to take home**. In addition, the policy can be found [here](#):

# School-Parent Compact

A school-parent compact, as required in ESSA Section 1116(d), is a written commitment that outlines how the entire school community - teachers, families, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement. It is collaboratively written as well as distributed and evaluated annually.

The compact must describe how the school will:

- provide high-quality curriculum and instruction;
- hold parent-teacher conferences, annually in elementary schools;
- provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress;
- provide parents reasonable access to staff.
- provide parents opportunities to volunteer; and
- ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between family members and staff, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand.

The school-parent compact will be shared **August 2024 via Google Classroom and hard copy will be provided for student to take home and be signed by a parent or guardian.** In addition, the compact can be found [here](#):

# Parent Suggestions

We value feedback from our parents and community members. If you would like to share any feedback, please email [rdunkin@fsd1.org](mailto:rdunkin@fsd1.org) or join us at our School Improvement Council/Title I Meetings.

There is a copy of the Title I Plan in the office and in the Parent Resource Center in the media center.

## **Responding to Parents**

Please allow up to 24 hours for the school to respond to emails/phone calls.

## **Parent Surveys**

These are sent home in the fall and spring. We gather information and feedback from the surveys to plan for the spending of Title I funds.



# Parents Right to Know

All teachers at Southside Middle School meet state certification requirements. Parents/Guardians in South Carolina have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state certification requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree.

You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program or if your school operates a school wide Title I program. Parents/Guardians may request this information from the building principal.

Additionally, Florence 1 Schools ensures that parents will be notified in writing if their child will be taught by a teacher who does not meet certification requirements for 4 or more consecutive weeks.

For more information or to check certification online visit:

<https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/esea-title-ii-part-a1/parents-right-to-know-requirement/>

# School Improvement Council

We need you! Research has proven that family engagement in education has more impact on student achievement than any other factor.

To get involved, join the School Improvement Council/Title I Meetings!

At these meetings, we discuss:

- student progress and accomplishments
- the Family and Parent Engagement Plan
- the School-Parent Compact
- needs of teachers and students
- the most effective use of funding

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Dunkin at [rdunkin@fsd1.org](mailto:rdunkin@fsd1.org).

# School Report Cards

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