

Simkins Elementary School

Title I Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Requirements 2019-2020

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a federal program to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. A requirement of ESSA is that each school shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members a written plan that describes how the school will meet legislative requirements.

This document outlines how our school will meet the ESSA requirements listed below:

- Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to inform parents of the school's participation in and requirements of Title I and the parents' right to be involved;
- Offer a flexible number of meetings (morning, evening, weekend, etc.);
- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement plan and the joint development of the schoolwide program;
- Provide parents:
 - Timely information about programs;
 - A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards;
 - If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
- Allow for parent comments on the schoolwide plan.

Our Plan to meet ESSA Requirements:

Annual Meeting: Simkins Elementary plans to conduct a parent meeting during the first quarter of the school year to share how our school uses the 2019-2020 Title I federal funds.

Flexible Meetings: We coordinate monthly parent meetings with a focus on a certain grade level each month. This provides opportunities for parents to come and find out more specific information regarding the NC Academic Standards and the curriculum that we use to help their child master grade level standards. If parents have more than one child at the school, this allows them to attend the monthly meetings that pertain to each of their children without having to divide their time.

Involve Parents in the development of PFE plan and the Title I Program: Simkins has 2 parent representatives on our School Based Leadership Team (SBLT). They assist in the development of our Title I plan each Spring as we plan for the next school year. Their email address is located on our website along with the minutes from each of our SBLT meetings.

Provide Information to Parents: Monthly meeting dates are posted on the website. Information is provided to parents by phone and on our website.

Allow for Comments on Plans: Feedback for future Title I plans is collected at each parent meeting.