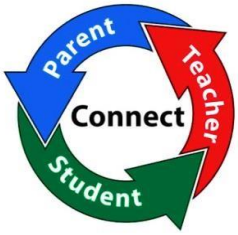
Sandtown Middle School
Parent & Family Engagement Plan

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What is Title I?

Sandtown Middle School (SMS) is a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Sandtown Middle School has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships. This plan will describe SMS's commitment to engage families in the education of their children. We are also committed to building capacity in the parents and staff to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the student academic achievement goals.

Jointly Developed

All parents were invited to participate in the school's Stakeholder Input Meeting in the Spring and encouraged to provide suggestions and ideas to revise this parent and family engagement plan for the 2025-2026 school year. An electronic form was used to collect feedback. Families were invited through various methods such as the School Website, email blast, social media, and flyers. Parents shared ideas for strategies to assist their child at home. Parents also gave input, as well as reviewed and revised the Schoolwide Plan, the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School Family Compact, and the use of the 1% of parent engagement funds. Additionally, Staff and students also assisted in the joint development of this plan. Teachers provided strategies to support families at home, and students provided feedback on how their teacher and parents could do to help them learn better.

Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan at any time on the school's website or by submitting written comments to the Parent Liaison/Student Services Coordinator. All feedback received during the school year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year.

Annual Title Parent Meeting

SMS held its Annual Title I Parent Meeting prior to November 1st to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights under Title I. The purpose of the Annual Title I Parent Meeting was not used as an opportunity to gather input into the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the School-Family Compact.

Where is it available?

The PFEP is available to the local community in the school's front office, Parent Resource Center, and the school's website.

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 including parents and families with limited English proficiency, migratory families, and parents of children with disabilities.

Communications

SMS will distribute to all families a parent and family engagement plan through various methods, which

include, posting to the school's website, email including the link to documents, and social media.

SMS is committed to providing family engagement activities and meetings that appeal to the needs of our families. The Plan is written in an understandable language and uniform format., and all meetings, workshops activities and events will be offered at various times, such as in the morning and evening. Meetings will be offered in formats, such as face-to-face and virtual when practically possible. The residential facilities for students in the Sandtown Middle School attendance area are in included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.

SMS is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation to participate in our programs.

School-Family Compacts

As part of this plan, SMS and our families have developed a school family compact, which is an agreement that was jointly developed by parents, teachers, and students. It outlines how parents. students and teachers will work together to make sure students achieve the challenging state academic standards and reach our goals. The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the school's input meetings. In addition to being distributed to the all families, the school-family compact is available in the parent resource center and on the school's website.

Reservation of Funds

Families were also invited and encouraged to provide feedback on the use and allocation of the 1% of reserved funds for parent and family engagement activities. Feedback forms and minutes are used to help in the decision making. Feedback/suggestions are also collected throughout the year. If you have suggestions, please feel free to leave feedback via the link on our website at ***http://fultonschools.org/sandtownms***

Coordination of Services

At SMS we strive to provide services to support families in the following areas…

- Partner with local elementary schools, local middle schools, college and career organizations and other Professional Resource Centers to help prepare families for successful school transitioning.
- Utilize partners in Education and Community Partnerships to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school and family engagement plan.

Building Capacity of Parents

SMS will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school.

- Hold Curriculum Night meetings to provide parents with information on the Georgia Standard of Excellence and the curriculum resources used in the school.
- Share data with parents on a consistent basis in a parent-friendly manner.
- Provide a session strictly for the purposes of understanding assessments given to students (GMAS, IReady etc.) and interpreting the results.
- Provide families with information about the overall Title I program and its requirements.
- Aid parents in understanding the use of Infinite Campus and other technology resources.

In addition, we will also hold the following workshops/meetings to help parents work with their children to improve achievement:

- ✓ Open House - August
- ✓ Annual Title I Meeting - September
- ✓ ELA & Social Studies Workshop - October
- ✓ Math/Science Workshop - November
- ✓ Spring Curriculum Workshop – January
- ✓ Technology Parent Workshop - February
- ✓ Testing and Assessment (Milestones) – March
- ✓ Transition Workshops (ES-MS & MS-HS) – April
- ✓ Spring Input Meeting - May

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
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Building Capacity of School Staff

SMS will conduct trainings each semester to educate staff on various topics, as well as learn and discuss strategies to increase family engagement, improve

school-family communication, and build ties with parents and the community. Topics include:

- Understanding the value and utility of the contributions of parents.
- How to reach out to communicate and work with parents as equal partners.
- Implement and coordinate parent programs.
- How to respond to parent requests for family engagement activities.
- Building relationships with parents-Programs that build ties between home and school.

Website:
www.fultonschools.org/sandtownms

Fulton County School District Goals

- *Increase the percentage of all students scoring proficient or distinguished on Reading Milestones*

- *Increase the percentage of all students scoring proficient or distinguished on Math Milestones*

Sandtown Middle School Goals FY25

English Language Arts

6-8 students performing at the Developing Learner Level and above (Levels 2, 3, and 4) will increase by 3.5 percentage points from 71.5% (SY25) to 75% as measured by the 2026 Georgia Milestones ELA Assessment.

Mathematics

6-8 students performing at the Proficient Learner Level and above (Levels 3 and 4) will increase by 4.7 percentage points from 29.3% (SY25) to 34% as measured by the 2026 Georgia Milestones Math Assessment.

Focus Areas

Sandtown Focus Area: Math
To help students in Mathematics:
Understand the key areas and concepts of state standards, and to be able to interpret and build upon them by using problem solving strategies.

Sandtown Focus Area: Literacy and Writing
To help students in Literacy:
School-wide intervention strategies for Selected students based on Write Score are enrolled in writers' workshop (LBQ's) during study skills.

Parent and Family Engagement

SMS 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:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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 children.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

SMS 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:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

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 the students' and the school's goals for

academic achievement, please provide us with your comments using the link below or scan the QR Code.

https://forms.office.com/r/JSYUsqWvHp



Parent Resources Center

Our parent resource center includes books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Please stop by Student Services to explore these resources.

Center hours are 9am-1pm Monday-Friday

School Community Team

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

____ Please contact me so I can learn more about Sandtown's School Community Team.

____ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name_____

Student: _____

Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____