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Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2025-2026

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What is Title I?

Southwest High 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 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 a written parent and family engagement plan and schoolwide plan to strengthen academic achievement.

District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement

All students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.

Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness

All employees will excel daily in the performance of their role to ensure our district thrives.

Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement

We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experiences.

School Goals

Math

To increase the percentage of students that measured proficient or distinguished on the Georgia Milestones assessment in math by 6 percentage points.

English Language Arts

To increase the percentage of students that measured proficient or distinguished on the Georgia Milestones assessment in English Language Arts by 6 percentage points.

School-Parent Compact for Achievement The parents, students, and teachers at Southwest High School developed a School-Parent Compact for academic achievement. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums held in the spring. The school-parent compact will be available in the front office, media center, and Parent Resource Area. The compact can be found on our school's website under the Parents tab.

Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Southwest High School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Southwest values the contributions and engagement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Southwest High School will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised? Southwest High School invited all parents to attend our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums in the spring to review and revise this plan, the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and input on the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school 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 to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during parent meetings and activities held throughout the school year.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Southwest High School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan is available in the front office, media center, parent resource area, and posted on the school website. Additionally, the plan will be available for further distribution at the parent's request.

Parent and Family Engagement

Southwest High School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school. In order to strengthen the school and reach our goals, we will...

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is timely and published in both English and Spanish, as needed and posted to the school's website.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events by our electronic newsletter (Patriot FYI), Parent Square-text messages, flyers, and phone calls as appropriate.
- Conduct staff development, in collaboration with parents, to provide best family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to work with parents as equal partners through regularly scheduled faculty meetings and via email.
- Partner with middle schools and college and career-oriented organizations to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the full participation of parents and family members in their child's education.
- Provide necessary materials and training for parents to work with their children to improve academic achievement as well as ways to monitor their child's progress.
- Listen and respond to parents' request for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- Submit parent feedback about any part of the Title I Schoolwide Plan that parents feel is not satisfactory to the goals for student and school academic achievement to the local Title I office.

Engagement Opportunities

School Council
Career Awareness Day
Curriculum Night
Village Talk with Principal

Volunteers are welcome at Southwest High School.
Parent Resource Center

To volunteer, you must complete a volunteer packet, which is in the front office. Contact the school office at 478-779-4500.

Getting Involved!

The following events will be presented to parents in order to strengthen Parent and Family Engagement. Support by the school, parents, and community partners will encourage student success when all are actively engaged in the education of our students. Meetings and workshops are held at various times.

- **Open House – July 2025**
Meet the faculty and staff of Southwest.

Getting Involved cont'd.

- **Annual Title I Meeting – August 2025**
Join us to receive information about the Title I program including the Schoolwide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and Georgia Standards of Excellence.
- **Senior Night Activities – September 2025**
Gain information on high school graduation requirements, and visit booths set up to provide resources on post-secondary opportunities.
- **Curriculum Night – September 2025 & March 2026**
Learn what your child needs to know in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.
- **Technology Workshops – October 2025**
Come and learn about Parent Portal and other useful websites to assist with your child's studies.
- **3-Way Communication Module – October 2025 (ongoing)**
Help promote clear and open communication between teachers, parents, and the community.
- **Georgia Milestones, Literacy and More – October 2025**
Join us to learn about the different State and local assessments and performance measures used to monitor your child's progress (Renaissance 360, benchmark tests, SLDS, Georgia Milestones).
- **Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day – November 2025**
Schools and families honor and highlight the powerful contributions parents and caregivers provide at school and home to support student success.
- **Title I Parent and Family Engagement Survey – November 2025**
Let your voice be heard! Provide input for the Parent and Family Engagement Program.
- **Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums February/March 2026**
Participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact, and family engagement budget.
- **Smooth Move Transition – April/May 2026**
Learn about the curriculum and expectations for your child's next grade level.
- **School Council Meetings – Quarterly** Join our school council to share in decisions and stay informed about school activities.

*Parent-Teacher Conferences are available upon request.
Contact your child's counselor at 478-779-4500.*