



Stark Elementary School



Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I? Stark Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the “Every Student Succeeds Act” (also known as ESSA).

Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to the 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 parents and members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Stark Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Stark Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Stark Elementary 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? Stark Elementary School invites all parents to join the school council and/or complete the annual survey that is sent home to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Policy, as well as our Parent-School Compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year by contacting Julie Castellanos-Akins, the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. If the school-level Parent Engagement Coordinator receives comments from parents advising the plan is unsatisfactory, the district-level Parent Engagement Coordinator will be notified immediately.

Who is it for? Stark Elementary is a school-wide Title I school. 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. Stark will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities and of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with students via the weekly communication folder once it has been revised. The plan will also be posted on the school’s website and/or parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office.

School-Parent Compact Stark Elementary School will employ the following to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact. This compact will outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement. It will also outline the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state’s high standards:

- ♥ Distribute forms and/or surveys to parents, staff, and students via school messenger, social media, newsletters, and emails to gather feedback and suggestions;
- ♥ Meet with PTO officers, School Advisory Council, Student Advisory, and School Leadership Team to gather feedback and suggestions.

Este es un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo. Si ustedes necesitan que traduzcamos esta información, por favor llamen a la consejera escolar, Sra. Castellanos-Akins 770-775-9470 ext. 7103.

2026-2027 District Goals

Increase the percentage of students in grades K-8 that meet their Growth Projection on MAP

Increase the percentage of students in grades 3-8 demonstrating proficiency on Georgia Milestone EOG in every area

Increase the percentage of students in grades 8-12 who demonstrate proficiency on Georgia Milestone EOC in every area

2026-2027 School Goals

Increase the percentage of students grade K-5 that meet their Growth projection on MAP Math and Reading by 10%

Increase percentage of students K-5 scoring above the 61% (3's & 4's) for Achievement on Spring 27 MAP in Math and Reading from 58% to 68%.

Increase percentage of students K-5 who score at or above grade level on the Lexile band by 10%

Increase the percentage of students grade 3-5 showing readiness for the next level according to CCRPI Readiness indicators by 1.9%

Reservation of Funds

Parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools, will have opportunities via: a) PTO meetings, b) Stakeholders Meeting, and/or c) feedback forms and surveys to provide input into how the funds from the minimum 1% reservation are allotted.

Let's Get Together!

Stark Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings will be offered at various times such as mornings and evenings, and in different formats such as in person and virtual.

- ♥ **Open House – July 2026:** Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.
- ♥ **Curriculum Night – September 2026:** Come see your student's work, learn about the standards being taught, discuss ways you can assist with learning at home, and learn about Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- ♥ **Annual Title I Meeting – October 2026:** An evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the School-Parent Compact, and the budget.
- ♥ **Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 15, 2026 and March 25, 2027:** Meet with your child's teacher to discuss academic progress and the School-Parent Compact.
- ♥ **Parent Workshop (Literacy) – November 2026:** Share and discuss effective ways to monitor student's progress and support literacy at home.
- ♥ **Parent Workshop (STEAM) – January 2027:** Learn how to support your child's science, technology, engineering, and math growth at home.
- ♥ **Parent Workshop (Testing) - March 2027:** Information sessions to keep parents informed on the GA Milestones Assessment.
- ♥ **Input Meeting – April 2027:** Help determine the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement program.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Stark Elementary School and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

At Stark, we strive to:

- ♥ Welcome All Families
- ♥ Communicate Effectively
- ♥ Support Student Success
- ♥ Speak Up for Every Child
- ♥ Share our Power with Parents
- ♥ Collaborate with Our Community

Stark Elementary is Branching Out!

Stark Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will:

- ♥ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is posted on the school website, social media, and included in the teacher's weekly newsletter for all families.
- ♥ Provide monthly trainings for staff by discussing the value and utility of contributions of parents, ways to effectively communicate with parents, and providing testing information.
- ♥ Partner with early childhood program and middle school to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ♥ Share information via the weekly newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ♥ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, school website, and/or flyers.
- ♥ Provide parent workshops to promote student achievement, such as monitoring student progress, ways to help students achieve, and transitional activities.
- ♥ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ♥ Offer literacy and math nights for parents and family members to display work and share educational expectations with families.

Parent Resource Center

Come visit room 402- the Professional Learning Room and Parent Resource Center- to pick up information on how you can assist your child academically, also available for check out - activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the parent portal and educational resources. The center is open Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Parent and Family Engagement

Stark Elementary School 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:

- ♥ That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- ♥ That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- ♥ 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.
- ♥ The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Stark Elementary School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Julie Castellanos-Akins

Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator

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Share Your Thoughts

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 in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____