M.E. Stilwell School of the Arts

Parent & Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

Stilwell High School is identified as a Title I targeted assistance school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts will link goals of school to the school improvement plan for student academic achievement. We will describe how teachers will help develop those skills using high quality education in the areas of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. We will involve parents of the progress of their students through regular two-communication via email, telephone, parent-teacher conferences, etc.

How is it revised? Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts welcome parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our Annual Title I meeting, School Council meetings, School Improvement Plan meeting, and at meetings with school leaders to revise the plan for the upcoming school year.

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. Martha Ellen Stilwell will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is completed with parental input in an open meeting. As a reminder, we will send a flyer to every home announcing the meeting prior to the implementation of the plan. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office and via our school website at:

http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/facilities/Schools/316.asp.

2026-2027 District Goals

All Schools in the district will increase their score by 8% or above as measured by the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI)

Graduation Rate 100%

2026-2027 School Goals

On the 2025-2026 CCRPI report, increase the CCRPI performance indicator in mathematics by 8 percent. The focus for math is:

- Increase overall student achievement in Math and ELA proficiency on End of course test

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Stilwell High School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Title I meetings and the School Forum. The school-parent compact brochure is sent home with students for parents to keep as a reminder of the agreement between parents, teachers and students. Teachers will also retain a copy of compact in the event that parents request a copy.

Let's Grow Together!

Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement

Open House – August, 2026
- ✓ Meet your scholar's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff

Understanding GMAS Score Report/SLDS – October, 2026
- ✓ Learn where to review and how to interpret your child's GMAS score report

Annual Title I Meeting – September 17 and 24, 2026
- ✓ Parents are invited to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program. The dialogue will include information on our parent involvement policy, school-parent compacts parents' right to know, and the 1% budget. Invitations are sent via email, and school messenger, and on the marque that will include the date and time.

Curriculum Night- September 17, 2026
- ✓ Meet with your artist's teachers and learn about the curriculum

Lunch Tiny Concert Sessions - Each grade level during September & October 2026
- ✓ Artists showcase talents during lunch -parents are welcome to bring lunch and enjoy

Department of Exceptional Students workshop – November 2026
- ✓ Parents are informed about the curriculum and the rights of students with IEPs.

End of Course (EOC) Test Prep workshop for parents - April 2027
- ✓ Learn how to assist your child at home with EOCT

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences twice monthly beginning September, 2026
- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress

Technology Talk- November, 2026
- ✓ Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning – Infinite Campus and Canvas

Student Forum – TBD
- ✓ A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school-wide plan, parental involvement policy, school-parent compacts, and the parent involvement budget.

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center in the Media Center to check out books, study material, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources

Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:00 pm.

Parent & Family Engagement

Stilwell High School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents 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.

Stilwell High School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance interpreting services at:

770-472-2838 ext. 175203
Sherronda.varnado@clayton.k12.ga.us

Stilwell High School is reaching out!

Stilwell 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 school goals. We will –

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website.
- ✓ Conduct staff development monthly on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Stakeholders Math programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for transition from Middle to High School.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school 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, such as phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, and provide an opportunity for feedback.



Parent Involvement Standards

Stilwell High School 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:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

School Community Team

Stilwell High School invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact:

Sherronda Varnado
770-472-2838 ext. 175203
Sherronda.varnado@clayton.k12.ga.us
or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

School Community Team

- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the School Community Team
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School Community Team
- ☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____





Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan 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 for Sherronda Varnado, Title 1 Parent Liaison.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

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