Southfield Elementary School
Parent & Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success
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What is Title I?

Southfield Elementary School is identified as a Title I school, as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I Part A, is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards. Title I support these efforts by reinforcing and enhancing teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement. Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents and family members a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and Schoolwide Plan. Parents and families are also involved in providing input on how Title I funds for family engagement are spent by providing feedback on the Family Engagement Survey and during the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum.

Stallions Plan for Student Success

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

How is it developed? Southfield Elementary invites all parents to attend our Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum each year to review and revise this plan, as well as the School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact and Family Engagement Budget. These meetings are scheduled at convenient times. Feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and use of funds for family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during parent meetings and other 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 and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Southfield Elementary will provide full and equal opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? Parents can retrieve a digital copy of the plan on the school website, in the main office, in the front foyer, the Media Center and in the Family Engagement Facilitator's office.

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 roles 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 experience.

Refer to the detailed Board of Education 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category.

Our School's Compact Goals are:

- **Decrease the percentage of students who are chronically absent by 14%.**
- **Increase the percentage of students in Grades K-5 performing at the proficient level and above in Reading and Math by 10% on district benchmarks.**
- **Reduce the number of student discipline referrals by 30% as a result of implementing proactive strategies.**

Focus Areas:

Attendance – Utilize Roll Call Rangers to intentionally target students identified as chronically absent to build relationships and set attendance goals.

Reading and Math - Utilizing high quality Tier 1 instruction in the classroom.

Discipline - Utilize restorative circles to build positive relationships and teach social emotional skills.

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, Southfield Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together. This agreement explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level performance.
The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum scheduled in the Spring. Teachers will also keep a copy on file to be used during conferences. Additional copies can be found in Resource Center, in the media center and on the school's website.

Parent & Family Engagement

Southfield Elementary believes parent and family engagement is the two-way communication between families and schools to ensure the academic growth of students in all areas and other school activities including:

- School Council Workshop for Parents
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Data Night with parents/students
- Training for Teachers
- Parent Teacher School
- Organization (PTSO)
- Parent volunteers (tutoring, field trips, school-wide events, special occasions)
- Career Day participants
- Georgia Milestones Proctors

Family and School Connections

Southfield Elementary will present the following events to parents in order to strengthen parent and family engagement. Meetings are held at flexible times and are announced through school messenger and posted on the school website.

July 2026 - Open House: Meet your child's teacher and receive important information for a successful school year. Catch up with the latest digital resources to help support your child's learning and monitor their progress (Parent Portal).

August 2026 - Annual Title I Meeting: Join us for an evening of learning and sharing of our Title I Program, which includes our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Schoolwide Plan, the School-Parent Compact and Family Engagement Budget.

September 2026 – Technology and Digital Literacy: Parent will learn about Parent Portal and Copyright Piracy.

October 2026 – Building Staff Capacity: (Ongoing) Faculty and Staff will discuss ways to improve communication between home and school.

October 2026, January 2027, March 2027 – Curriculum and Assessment: This workshop is designed to help parents learn ways the school monitors their child's progress: College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCPRI), Georgia Milestones, Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS), Report Cards, SLDS, and Response to Intervention (RTI).

November 2026 – Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day November 19, 2026: Southfield students and staff celebrate our parents and families.

November/December 2026 - Title I Parent Survey: An effective way to bring parents into the decision-making roles and leadership positions in our school. Surveys offer a way for parents to provide direct and honest commentary about issues that affect their children and their families. Join us for a shared decision-making opportunity.

February- March 2027- Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum: Teachers, parents and students will participate in roundtable discussions about the Schoolwide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact and the Family Engagement Budget.

April 2027 - Pre-K & 5th Grade Transition: Students and families will learn helpful information about transitioning from one school setting to another Pre-K to Kindergarten and from 5th Grade to middle school.

Parent-Teacher/Student-Led Conferences: Dates and Times per 2026-2027 School Calendar

Parent & Family Engagement Standards

Southfield Elementary and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging families, 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

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Are committed to providing opportunities for our parents to attend parent activities listed in this plan. Please call or email the school if you need to schedule a convenient date and/or time to participant in these programs.



For more information, contact the Family Engagement Facilitator at (478) 779.4300.

Southfield Stallion Support

Southfield Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. Our school will:

- **Ensure** that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities are sent to the parent of participating children in a format and to the extent practicable, in a language the parent can understand (English/Spanish) when possible and posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- **Conduct** staff development on family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build equal partnerships with parents.
- **Collaborate** with other Federal, State and Local programs, including pre-school, to encourage and support the full participation of parents in their child's education. Invite parents and families to Southfield Elementary Pre-K Transition Workshop.
- **Share** information in English and Spanish, when possible, in the school's monthly newsletter for non-English speaking families 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 as needed.
- **Communicate** with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, using Southfield's website, school messenger Southfield Elementary Facebook page, Southfield newsletter, email, marquee and school/district newsletter and flyers.
- **Work** with our parents to develop pertinent training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of family engagement and effective communication with parents by creating skits and using information provided by district family engagement staff.
- **Provide** necessary materials and training for parents to work with their children to improve achievement using websites, academic nights, after school program, and information in the family engagement facilitators office.
- **Listen** and respond to parents' request for additional support and more family engagement activities through workshop evaluations and district surveys.
- **Submit** parent feedback about any part of the Title I Schoolwide plan that is not satisfactory to the student and school's goals for academic achievement to the local Title I office.

Stallion Volunteer Opportunities

Southfield parents and families are always welcome and needed. If you are an artist, musician, seamstress, creative thinker, or just want to share YOUR special talents with our students & staff, join a group of celebrated and dedicated volunteers.

If you would like more information on how to get involved, please contact the Family Engagement Facilitator at (478) 779-4300 or complete the interest form in the main office.

Partner with Stallions in School Clubs

Chorus	Basketball	Pickleball
Cheerleading	Quiz Bowl	Math Team
Junior Beta Club	Math 24	Stallion News

Stallion Parents/Guardians & Volunteers: Complete your Volunteer Application Today!

Your continued support and volunteerism are greatly appreciated at Southfield Elementary School. The faculty and staff know that active families are essential to the success of our students each day; therefore, we are encouraging parents, guardians and other relatives to get involved in their child's education and volunteer two hours each week.

Here are ways you can volunteer:

- Reading/Math Tutor
- Room Parents
- Chaperone on Field Trips
- Classroom Assistance
- Morning and Afternoon Dismissal
- Career Day
- Special Events (Field Day)
- Fundraising
- Cafeteria Monitors
- Wednesday Folders Stuffers
- Georgia Milestones Proctors
- Small Group Assistant

Career Day: Where do you fit in? Accountant, architecture, artist, baker, biologist, coach, court stenographer, cosmetologist, CPA, culinary chef, curator, dentist, dentist hygienist, engineer, entrepreneur, farmer, fashion designer, fireman, journalist, judge, landscaper, law enforcement, lawyer, librarian, mechanic, midwife, military, musician, nurse, optometrist, paralegal, photographer, pilot, professor, radiologist, social worker, sports field, veterinarian, videographer, writer, educator, physical therapy, respiratory therapist.

Yes, I am excited about participating in the Career Day Event. Notification of Specific date and time will be given.

Expertise: _____ Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Phone Number:_____Email: _____