# **Satilla Elementary**

# School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success



2023-2024 School Year

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## Plan Revised June 2023

# What is Title 1?

Satilla Elementary is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title 1 is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title 1 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 policy.

# School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

# What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Satilla Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Satilla Elementary 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 Satilla Elementary will support parent 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?

Satilla Elementary School invited all stakeholders to attend several meetings in the winter and spring months to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Funds are used for staffing, Parent Engagement Coordinator, communication, and supplies. The plan is posted on our school Web site and FaceBook page, as well as through Peachjar. Parents are able 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. We also distribute an annual survey online and by the Parent/School Communication folder to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement.

# 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. Satilla Elementary 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, a paper copy of the plan is distributed to each student. The plan is also posted on the school Web site and on Facebook. In addition, copies of the plan are emailed through Peachjar. Additional copies are available at the Annual Title 1 Meeting, in the Parent Resource Center and at Satilla Elementary School's front office.



## 2023-2024 District Goals

- ⇒ The Coffee County School System will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Developing level or above in English Language Arts on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Assessment.
- ⇒ The Coffee County School System will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Developing level or above in Mathematics on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Assessment.

## 2023-2024 School Goals

- ⇒ Goal 1 50% of 2nd-5th grade students will score on grade level or higher according to the Reading Lexile Inventory, Math Inventory, and/or GMAS.
- ⇒ Goal 2 15% of 3rd-5th grade students will increase from previous year in proficient learner or higher (levels 3-4) in ALL subject areas on GMAS.
- ⇒ Goal 3– 100% of K-2 students will increase their basic phonemic awareness/phonics foundation, as well as 15% increase in math number sense & basic computation.
- ⇒ Goal 4- 100% of all students in K-5 will participate in focused activities to increase physical, social emotional, and positive behavioral skills effecting academic achievement.

#### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Satilla Elementary and our families developed a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all our students reach grade level standards. The compacts are reviewed annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Spring revision meetings. Satilla will use these compacts throughout the year as an agreement to "W" - Work as a Team! Copies are provided to each parent and are available on the school website, at the school, and through Facebook.

Satilla Elementary 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 and success in the Georgia Standards of Excellence. . Some meetings are held during the morning, afternoon, or evening. Please check your child's communication folder and Facebook for times and reminders of events!

*School-wide Open House — Aug. 7, 3-6 PM* We invite you to come meet your child's teacher and learn about expectations for the school year.

# Grade Level Parent Info Sessions—Sept. 14, 6:30 PM

Visit classrooms to get information on expectations and how to help your child be successful this year.

#### Annual Title I Meeting – Sept. 14

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be e-mailed and posted in the school newsletter and social media. You may even hear some special songs!

ESOL Fiesta—Sept. 14 & Jan. We invite ESOL parents to come learn about the ESOL Program—topics include ACCESS Testing and WIDA standards.

#### Parent-Teacher and Student-Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

#### Parent Resource Center Open House – Sept. 14, 5:30– 7:00 PM

Come visit the Parent Resource Center and find ways to help your child at home. Assistance for basic internet/computer use, finding websites, and Parent Portal will be available.

#### PAWSOME Assemblies—October, January, March & May (dates TBA)

### Christmas Family Fun Night—Dec. (TBA)

We will have a holly, jolly time learning about reading strategies and Lexiles, making reindeer food and ornaments, writing letters to Santa, and drinking hot chocolate!

*STEAM Night – Jan. (TBA)* Get on track with Science and Math!

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*Dr. Seuss Family Fun Week— March (TBA)* Drop in and read/ and/or do activities with your child's class.

#### GMAS Q&A-March (TBA)

Learn about the GMAS, test taking skills, and things you can do as a parent to help your child be successful.

#### Family Fitness during PE & Get Moving! – March (TBA)

Enjoy playing sports and field day games with your child!

*Title 1 Revision Meetings* – Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

The district offers assistance to parents in understanding use of its online student information system and other digital resources, including the harms of copyright piracy. Notifications about these opportunities will be posted on the district website and shared through school messaging systems, newsletters, and social media postings.

## **Parent Resource Center**

Come visit the Parent Resource Center (Just past the "checker board" to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

PRC is open daily, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm



## Parental Involvement

Satilla Elementary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular twoway, 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 decisionmaking and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

# Satilla is PAWSOME!



Satilla Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and read our school goals. We will:

- $\Rightarrow$  Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are published in both English and Spanish.
- ⇒ Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents, ensure parent value, respond to parent requests, and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices with their peers. (See page 4 Building Staff Capacity)
- ⇒ Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ⇒ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website, Facebook, Peachjar, and the newsletter/calendar 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.
- ⇒ Communicated with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone message, 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.
- $\Rightarrow$  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.
- $\Rightarrow$  Use our Partners in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- $\Rightarrow$  Offer opportunities for parents to further enhance technology skills.
- ⇒ Collect feedback from parents at all events, by placing input cards around the building for parents to make requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ⇒ Provide childcare/transportation for parents who need these services in order to attend family engagement activities.
- $\Rightarrow$  Encourage parents to request additional meetings.

Grade Level Workshops		
(Dates are subject to change and times are TBA.)		
Grade	Reading/Writing	Math
PreK		
Kindergarten		
First		
Second		
Third		
Fourth		
Fifth		

#### Parental Involvement Standards

Satilla Elementary 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

#### Volunteers

We would love to have you volunteer! Please complete the box in the upper right hand corner of this page and return to school!

Satilla Elementary invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. In addition, Satilla Elementary has a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) that meets monthly to discuss ways to make Satilla a great place to be! We would love to encourage you to also take an active role and be a member of PTO! There are so many ways YOU as a parent can be involved!

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School Volunteer
Yes, I am interested in volunteering at my child's school/classroom. Please contact me so I can learn more volunteering Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates
Name:
Child's Name and Grade:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email address:
Interest:
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 feel free to email Mrs. Wilcox at takita.wilcox@coffee.k12.ga.us

## **Building Staff Capacity**

- ⇒ School/Home Connection Educational Strategies
  ⇒ Communication Strategies ("Red Folders", Facebook, Kinvo, Calen-
- dars/Newsletters, Postcards, etc.)
- ⇒ Relationship Building between Staff and Families
- ⇒ Involving Parents as Volunteers and Helping at Home
- ⇒ Community Partnerships
- ⇒ Online Motivational Videos and Articles