Sharp Creek Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

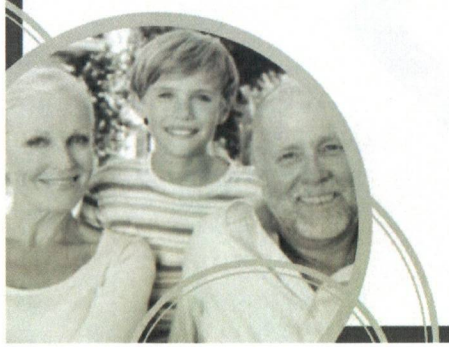
2026-2027 School Year

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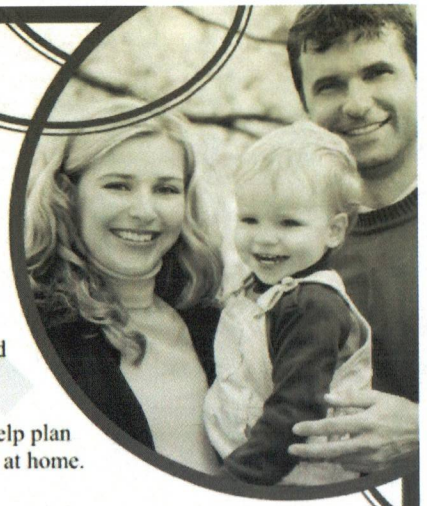
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What is Title I?

Sharp Creek Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (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 family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Sharp Creek Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Sharp Creek 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 Sharp Creek 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?

Sharp Creek Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, building staff capacity, and the family engagement budget.. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. 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. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event. Questions or concerns please contact Heather Duke: Heather.duke@carrollcountyschools.com

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. Sharp Creek Elementary School 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 included in the student handbook that is given to all students. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center in the Conference Room.

2026-2027 District Goals

The Carroll County Board of Education establishes goals for the entire school system. The goals for the 2026-2027 school year includes:

- ***Increase the number of students scoring Proficient and Distinguished in ELA by 3%.***
- ***Increase the number of students scoring Proficient and Distinguished in math by 3%.***

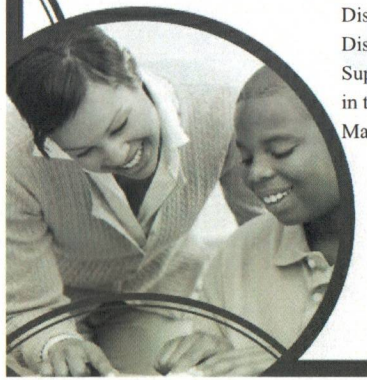
2026-2027 School Goals

Sharp Creek Elementary school goals are to:

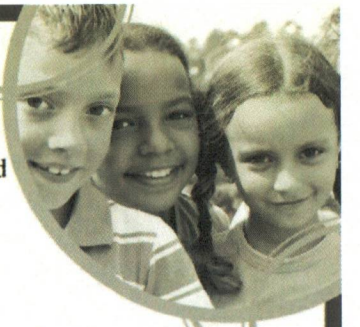
Increase Academic Achievement by 3% in ELA, Math, and Science GMAS. ** Make learning relative by teaching Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity Skills. ** Increase student accountability by focusing on student goal setting.

Focus:

K-5 will focus on ELA/Reading by working on the main idea, key details, and phonics instructions. K-5 will focus on numbers and operation in math. English Language Learners, Economically Disadvantaged, and Students with Disabilities will receive additional Support, materials, and strategies in the area of Reading/ELA and Math



Let's Get Together!



Sharp Creek Elementary 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. All meetings for parents and family members will be held twice during the day in the morning before school and in the evening at 5:00 pm.

Open House – August 4th - 9-10am and 4-6pm

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 11th @ 5:00 pm and August 19th @ 9:00 am

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, building staff capacity and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

Biscuits and Books with the Best - September 9 & 10th - 7:30am-8:15am

Come enjoy breakfast with your student and explore the Book Fair and all that our Media Center has to offer

Hispanic Heritage Night – October 8, 2026

Join us to celebrate and learn all you can about Hispanic Heritage

Veteran's Day Program

Come and join us as we honor the families of our students that are currently serving or have served our Country in the Armed Forces

Career Day - November 12th

This is an opportunity for Community Leaders to come and share with our students about different career paths

STEAM DAY - January 29th

Parents will enjoy hands on learning with students in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, Academics, and Mathematics.

GMAS Parent Night - April 29th

Learn how to encourage and prepare your student for testing.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Throughout the Year

Scheduled updates on your child's progress, discuss individual assessments and learn details about the curriculum.

School Compact

As part of this plan, Sharp Creek Elementary staff, families, and students will develop a school-parent compact. This agreement will explain how parents, teachers, and students share a common partnership and work together to help student reach grade level goals, future focused goals, and challenging state academic reading, math, and science goals. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Stakeholder Decision Making

Each year SCES surveys parents, students and staff to gather information about Sharp Creek Elementary. This information is used to guide the School Improvement Team in developing a School-Wide Title One Plan. In addition, SCES holds a Parent and Stakeholder Input Meeting to gather direct feedback from parents on the School-Wide Title One Plan, Title One Budget, School Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Plan. We also routinely survey parents about different opportunities for them to be involved in our school and continued family engagement activities to promote school/community partnerships.

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center 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. The resource center is located in the front office.

Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

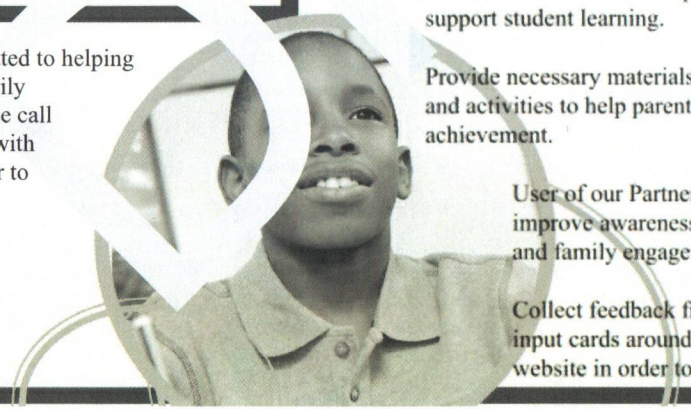
Parent and Family Engagement

Sharp Creek Elementary 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:

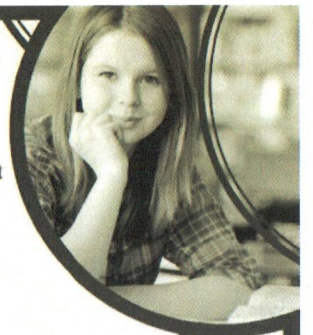
- That the parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Sharp Creek Elementary is committed to helping 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.

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Sharp Creek is Branching Out!



Sharp Creek Elementary 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, meeting, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish and other languages posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.

Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources and organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.

Share information in English and Spanish and other languages on the school facebook page, 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, Remind, through phone messages, social media, and newsletters.

Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.

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.

User of our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for input.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

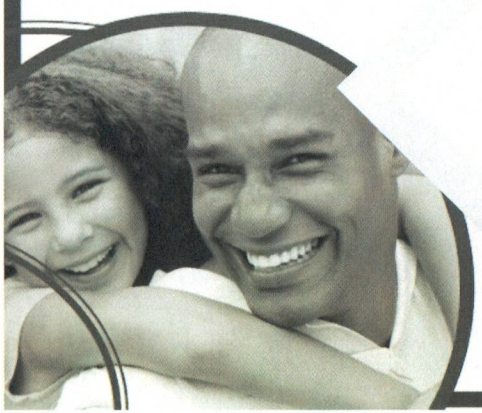
Sharp Creek Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

These standards are:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with the Community

School Community Team

Sharp Creek Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity and/or meeting, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact Angi Andrews at (770) 214 8848



2026-2027 Priorities

Our 2026-2027 Action Priorities are developed from the collective input of faculty and staff members on the school improvement team. These priorities are specifically designed to help Sharp Creek Elementary achieve district and school level goals.

Improve organizational processes & procedures
Full Science of Reading Implementation & Progress Monitoring
Improve Stakeholder Relationships & Engagement Experiences
Support Teachers Through Mentorship & Observation Opportunities
Reinforce Horizontal & Vertical Instructional Alignment
Maximize Efficiency and Effectiveness of Collaborative Planning
Organize, Plan, and Improve Premier Community Based Experiences

Sharp Creek Elementary

Vision

We will be recognized as a model school for the physical, emotional, and academic growth of our students.

Mission

We will develop students who are fully prepared to be successful in middle school.

Purpose

We are here to positively change lives by inspiring students to become more than they ever dreamed possible.