

# **Sand Hill Elementary School**

## **Parent and Family Engagement Plan**



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## Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2023-2024 School Year

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### What is Title I?

Sand Hill 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 Sand Hill Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Sand Hill 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 Sand Hill 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?

Sand Hill Elementary School invited all parents to participate in providing input meeting in the months of August 2023 and September 2023. We will also request input during our yearly annual Title I meetings at which time we review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as building staff capacity, our school-parent compact, 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 and by mail 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. Contact [heather.duke@carrollcountyschools.com](mailto:heather.duke@carrollcountyschools.com) with any concerns about this plan.

### 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. Sand Hill Elementary 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?

The plan is posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center or by emailing [shelley.griffin@carrollcountyschools.com](mailto:shelley.griffin@carrollcountyschools.com).

### **2023-2024 District Goals**

The percentage of students scoring Proficient and distinguished on the Georgia Milestones, (GMAS) by three percent and increase the percent of ELA, ELD, and SWD scoring proficient and distinguished on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) by six percent.

### **2023-2024 School Goals**

Meet or exceed state average in Georgia Milestones state assessment in ELA and increasing the Reading/ELA and Math scores in the GMAS by 3%.

We will do this by providing ELA and Reading support in the area of ELA by implementing the *Science of Reading*. This includes a focus area of Phonics in K-2, Early Literacy in 1-3 and Literacy in 4-5 with a focus of comprehension skills and understanding. Along with tutors to work with at risk students we also are introducing daily ELT, where students will work within their academic reading level for 40 minutes daily.

The focus area for Math will be on Math reasoning skills. These skills correlate with the work in daily literacy skills. SHE will also provide tutored instruction 2 to 4 times a week if needed with the use of hired tutors that work 3-4 hours daily and tutors that are available after school.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Sand Hill Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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 parent input meeting. The school-parent compacts are also sent home with each student and a School Parent Compact agreement is signed by students, parents and the teacher.



## **Let's Get Together!**

Sand Hill 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. Meetings will be offered at various times and in various formats.

### **Open House – August 2, 2023**

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

### **Title I Parent Input Meeting – August 18, 2023**

This is a time for learning and having input in 5 areas of Title I, Parent and Family Engagement, The School/Parent Compact, 1 % Parenting Budget, and Building Parent Capacity, and The Schoolwide Plan.

### **Annual Title I Meeting – September 14, 2023 5:45 PM**

We invite you to learn about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement policy, building staff capacity, the school-parent compacts, and the 1% parenting budget, The Title I Schoolwide Plan, McKinney-Vento, Goals and curriculum. Invitations were emailed and posted in the front office, posted on the outdoor sign and delivered through social media.

### **Family STEM Night – September 14, 2023**

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics

### **Curriculum Information – November 09, 2023**

Parents will have an opportunity to receive information concerning the curriculum utilized at SHE. They will also be instructed on where to locate further details and information concerning the curriculum and assessments.

### **Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – August 16 through November 17 and Throughout the school year**

Scheduled updates on your child's progress and reviews 1<sup>st</sup> round of STAR results and 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks Report Cards. Parents will also have an explanation of the curriculum and the how to interpret assessments.

### **Family Math Night– January 11, 2024**

Learn how to support your student through various technology resources. These includes Infinite Campus, Renaissance Learning (AR) Lexia, Reflex, Raz Kids Plus, etc. Parents and guardians are guided through these programs and shown how to follow their student's academic progress.

### **SHE Family Reading Night - March 14, 2024**

Explore ways to assist your student in Reading and learn fun activities to do with your student.

### **GMAS Family information night – April 11, 2024**

Learn about strategies and resources that you and your child can use for success.

### **Step up Night for New Pre-K and Kindergarten Students - April 2024**

This is a time for new students and parents to tour the school and have questions answered about our school.



## 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.

Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 3 PM

## Parent and Family Engagement

Sand Hill 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 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.

## Sand Hill Elementary is Branching Out!

Sand Hill 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, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and other languages as requested, 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 our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Parents are informed of student assessment results individually during the parent teacher conferences. The school will provide parents with assessment results as well as guides to help them interpret and better understand their student's scores relevant to the assessment.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or 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 other languages as requested, on the school communications and in the grade level newsletter by request 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 schoolwide events and activities, through 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 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.
- ✓ Use 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.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input card around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Sand Hill Elementary 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.

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This Family Engagement Plan along with other required documents and plans

## Parent and Family

### Engagement Standards

Sand Hill 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:

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

Sand Hill 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 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 the principal at 770-834-8541 or complete the interest

form and leave it in the Main Office.



### School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.  
 Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Team.  
 Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

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 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: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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