

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

2018 - 2019



Sycamore Elementary School

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Visit our Parent Center!

Our Parent Center has many resources like books, study materials, games, and activities you can check out to use at home with your child.

Need help finding materials?

Marjorie Mantilla, our parent instructional coordinator is available to assist you.

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Room 1.109

Monday-Friday 7:45 Am-3:45 PM

Computers are available for parents/family members to use to access the Parent Portal, eCLASS, and other educational resources to support the learning of their child.

WHAT IS A FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN? This is a plan that describes how Sycamore Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Sycamore Elementary School will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all parents and family members.

WHERE IS THE PLAN AVAILABLE?

Sycamore Elementary School's Family and Community Engagement Plan is included in the Title I packet that is given to all families. New families that enroll after the initial distribution will receive them upon enrollment. A copy of the Family and Community and Engagement Plan as well as all the Family Engagement documents are available in the Parent Center and on the school website.

HOW IS IT DEVELOPED AND REVISED?

It is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Title I Planning Meeting. A draft of the updated Plan is available for additional input during a document review period. All feedback forms from the Title I Planning meeting are submitted to the Title I Office for review.

The Title I office sets aside 1% of the district FY 19 allocation for family and community engagement. These funds are equally distributed among all of our Title I schools based on parent input from the April 2018 District Title I Parent Meeting which all parents were invited to attend.

“We believe that meaningful, two-way communication between teachers and families will improve academic success for students.”

Sycamore Elementary is committed to provide our families with support in the following ways:

- Provide a Family and Community Engagement Plan that is understandable and written in family friendly language.
- Offer flexible meetings at convenient times in the morning and in the evening and in a variety of formats to meet the needs of our families.
- Schedule meetings at parent's request to address academic concerns.
Parents can always communicate with their child's teachers through the Parent Portal, Parent Instructional Coordinator and by calling the school at 678.714.5770.

✓ Participation in a Title I program benefits your child in many ways!

✓ Title I is a federal program designed to support school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students.

✓ Title I programs are based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.

✓ All Title I schools jointly develop a Family & Community Engagement Plan with parents and family members.

✓ The Title I Office reserves at least one percent of the district's total allocation to fund family and community engagement programs. The use of these funds is based on suggestions gathered at our spring input meeting from families and community members. Funds are distributed equally to all of our Title I schools.

✓ Childcare and/or transportation may be provided for meetings and school events.



Goals of Gwinnett County Public Schools:

Language Arts: All students will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

Math: Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency through a deep understanding of numeracy with the ability to compute with fluency, think critically, and communicate their mathematical reasoning effectively.

Science: Students will develop a strong content understanding in the earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Social Studies: Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context

Goals of Sycamore Elementary School:

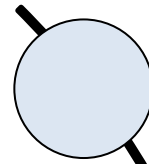
50% or more of all Sycamore students will show expected and or high growth in English/Language Arts as measured by pre and post Student Performance Goals (SPG/District Assessments (DA)).

School – Family Compacts

Sycamore Elementary School will collaborate with parents to jointly develop a school-family compact that outlines how families, students, and the entire school staff, will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The Compact explains how the school and families will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the high academic standards of the district and state.

- Recognize high frequency sight words
- Read for Fluency and Comprehension
- Read to build Reading Stamina

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...



Title I Program Information is available during Title I Planning and Annual Parent Meetings, on the school website, and in the Parent Center.

Curriculum Information Knowing what your student is learning at school is important. We will keep you informed throughout the year about what your student is learning during parent meetings, conferences, and on our school website.

Student Progress Monitoring The Parent Portal is an online resource that allows parents to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessment results, course history, and much more. Monitoring your student's progress in school is an important way to be engaged.

Parent Resources We have many resources available for checkout to use at home with your student. We also host a number of parent workshops to empower you as you work with your student at home. (see Calendar of Events)

Staff Training We will train our staff to effectively communicate with you. Your input on how we train our staff is valuable.

Communication We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information with you in a language and format you understand. We will provide interpreters during parent workshops and academic events whenever possible. We will translate documents to the extent feasible.

Transition Support Entering a new school can be scary for both students and parents. We will host events to make sure both you and your child are aware of what is expected and how you can prepare as your student transitions to a new school.

Other support: Literacy Training for Parents and Play 2 Learn to help children from newborn to five years old develop school readiness.

ENGAGEMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!