



## ***Parent Family Engagement Plan***

2020

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### **What is Title I?**

St. Marys 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 St. Marys Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. St. Marys Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that St. Marys 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 developed?** St. Marys Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by student to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**What feedback indicated?** The yearly survey showed that parents wanted more information about their child is learning and the instructional program. We will provide information and/or workshops on improving state standards, student reading skills, improving student math skills, and test information. Workshops/meetings will be held at flexible times.

**Who is it for?** All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. St. Marys Elementary School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of students with disabilities, parents of migratory children, as well as guardians of children served through the Methodist Children's Home. St. Marys Elementary School will offer childcare and transportation to the extent practicable upon request.

**Where is it available?** The ~~2020~~ plan is posted on-line on the school website, in the parent resource center, and in the front office.



### **2020-2021 District Goals**

Goals will be updated to reflect 2020-2021 goals.

### **2020-2021 School Goals**

- To increase the percent of students scoring in the top two levels (levels 3 & 4) ELA GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance by 5% with an increased emphasis on writing in every content area.
- To increase the percent of students scoring in the top two levels (levels 3 & 4) Math GMAS performance by 3% with an increased emphasis on problem solving strategies.
- To increase the percent of students scoring in the top two levels (levels 3 & 4) Science GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance by 3% with an increased emphasis on spiral review and hands-on learning opportunities.

**Parent Resource Center 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. when available.**

### **School-Family Compact**

As part of this plan, St. Marys Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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. Parents will retain a copy of the compact for their use. Additionally the compact can be viewed on-line, and will be provided to parents upon request. Teachers will review the compacts with parents during conferences.

### **Parent Involvement Standards**

Camden County Schools have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the county'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

St. Marys Elementary invites all parents to participate in scheduled Title I meetings, to share ideas and ways to involve other parents, and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Meetings are held throughout the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I meetings, please contact the school.

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### **Parental Involvement**

St. Marys Elementary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

St. Marys Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call (912-882-4839) or email ([wspencer@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:wspencer@camden.k12.ga.us)) if you have any questions.

### **St. Marys Elementary is Branching Out!**

St. Marys 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 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 requested languages (per home language survey), and posted on the school website and included in school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct on-going staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping
- ✓ Share information to assist parents in understanding the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Assist parents in setting up parent PowerSchool e-mail alert messages. Contact the school to get these email alerts.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, via phone messages, Facebook, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent workshops on relevant topics.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Assist parents and students in transitions between elementary and middle and middle and high school.
- ✓ Provide parents and students with explanations of local and state assessments, including Georgia Milestones End of Grade assessments.

## Let's Get Together!

***St. Marys 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 – Specific dates to be determined.***

- 1. SMES School Council Meetings:** The SMES School Council meets 4 times per year quarterly (September, December, March, May) All parents are encouraged to attend.
- 2. PTO Meetings:** All parents are welcome to come and join the PTO events and activities that will benefit our students. The PTO meetings are scheduled several times a year.
- 3. SMES Open House: July 31, 2020** - All parents are invited to tour the school, get information, and meet their child's teacher prior to the first day of school.
- 4. Pre-K Parent Orientation:** Parents of pre-kindergarten students must attend this orientation meeting.
- 5. Title One Stakeholder/CNA Input Meeting:** Meetings will be held 3 times per year (October, January, May) Test Data, Critical Issues and Action Plans, School Improvement Plan/Parent Involvement Plan, Title One Budget, Parent Involvement Survey Results, Program Evaluation, Parent/Teacher Compact.
- 6. Grades K – 5 CCS Parent Teacher Team Meetings – October 2020, March 2021, and May 2021**
- 7. Literacy Night:** Family Reading Night – December 2020
- 8. Math/Starry Night:** February/March 2021
- 9. Terrific Kids Programs:** These are held quarterly. Teachers recognize students for outstanding achievements, helping others, being role models for other students, and good character. Parents are invited to attend.
- 10. Field Day:** May 2021: Parents are invited to come to volunteer and help run stations.
- 11. Career Day:** May 2021: Parents the opportunity to invite community leaders, business owners and workers into the school to present career opportunities to the students that link education to careers.
- 12. Aquatic Center Trip:** May 2021 – Celebration of meeting AR Reading Goals
- 13. Happy Apple Pre-School Transition activity:** April/May 2021 (Students dine in the big school cafeteria and visit kindergarten classrooms.)
- 14. SMES Pre-K Transition Activity:** April/May 2021– Students visit kindergarten classrooms to experience what a day in the life of a kindergartener will be like.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the limitation of visitors in our school buildings and the option for parents to have students attend classes virtually, many of our activities will be held virtually or adjusted for the 2020-2021 school year.

### Elementary School Promotion Standards

Grades 1-5

Students must pass language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies and connections courses as they apply.

All students in grades 1-2 must have a passing final grade of "2" or higher in language arts and mathematics; and "S" for satisfactory in science and social studies.

- All students in grades 3 – 5 must have passing final grades of 70% or higher in language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students must also pass the Reading of the Georgia Milestones EOG.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students must also pass the Reading AND Mathematics portions of the Georgia Milestones EOG. Click [HERE](#) for further information