



Parent Family Engagement Plan

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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.

(8.4.B)

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. (8.4.B)

How is it revised? St. Marys Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Stakeholder Input meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. 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 Stakeholder Input Meeting. All efforts are made to address opportunities for regular meetings and events as requested by parents. The school will submit any parent comments to the Director of Federal Programs, Dr. Denise Cato, if Title I school-wide plan is not satisfactory to parents.

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 Title 1 plan is posted on-line on the school website, in the parent resource center, and in the front office.

Parent Resource Center:

When Available: 8:00 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Where: Teacher Resource Room 322

What is available: Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. A computer is available for parents to explore educational resources. (8.4.A.4)



2023-2024 District & School Goals

2023-2024 District Goals

- To increase the percentage of students in grades 3- 12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS ELA EOC/EOG from 53% to 56% (ES), from 52% to 55% (MS), and from 59% to 62% (HS).
- To increase the percentage of students in grades 3- 12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS Science EOC/EOG from 64% to 67% (ES), from 59% to 62% (MS), from 66% to 69% (HS).
- To increase the percentage of students in grades 3- 12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS Math EOC/EOG from 59% to 62% (ES), from 47% to 50% (MS), from 50% to 53% (HS).

2023-2024 School Goals

- To increase the percentage of students in grades 3-5 scoring proficient or distinguished on the GMAS ELA EOG from 52% to 57%.
- To increase the percentage of students in grades 3-5 scoring proficient or distinguished on the GMAS Math EOG from 58% to 63%.
- To increase the number of students, present 10% or more of enrolled school days from 84.16% to 87.16%.

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. (8.4.F)

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

Reservation of Funds and Title 1 Meeting

Each Spring an annual Stakeholder Input meeting is held to gather input, collect feedback, and review the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, The School-Parent Compact, Building Parent and Staff Capacities, as well as the Title I funds set aside for parent and family engagement activities.

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Parental Engagement

St. Marys Elementary believes that parent engagement 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 (smccaskill@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. (8.4.E)
- Conduct on-going staff development on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping. (8.4.I)
- 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. (8.4.H)
- 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. (8.4.D)
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement. (8.4.H)
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement. (8.4.H)
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities. (8.4.H)
- ✓ Offer parent workshops on relevant topics.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities. (8.4.H)
- ✓ Assist parents and students in transitions between elementary and middle and middle and high school. (8.4.H)
- ✓ Provide parents and students with explanations of local and state assessments, including Georgia Milestones End of Grade assessments. (8.4.A.4)

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. ES School Council Meetings:** The SMES School Council meets 4 times per year quarterly (September, December, March, May) 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 28, 2023** - 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: August, 23, 2023** - Parents of pre-kindergarten students must attend this orientation meeting.
- 5. Title One Stakeholder/CNA Input Meeting:** Meetings will be held 2 times per year (September, April) 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. (9.4.J)
- 6. Grades K – 5 CCS Parent Teacher Team Meetings – September 12, 2023, January 23, 2024, and March 21, 2024 and April 30, 2024** (9.4.J)
- 7. Literacy Night:** Family Reading Night – TBD
- 8. Math/Starry Night:** TBD
- 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:** March 2024: Parents are invited to come to volunteer and help run stations.
- 11. Happy Apple Pre-School Transition activity:** April/May 2024 (Students dine in the big school cafeteria and visit kindergarten classrooms.) (9.4.H)
- 12. SMES Pre-K Transition Activity:** April/May 2024– Students visit kindergarten classrooms to experience what a day in the life of a kindergartner will be like.

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