

Saint George Elementary School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

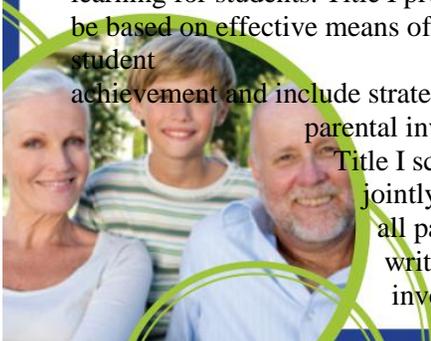
2016–2017 School Year

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What is Title I?

Saint George Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards and reinforcing and enhancing efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement plan.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Saint George Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Saint George Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Saint George 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 revised?

Saint George Elementary School invited all parents to attend Muffin Monday in October to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement 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 Web site 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 sending it home to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

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. Saint George Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is sent home with all students. The plan will also be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2016–17 District Goals

- * Provide safe, orderly environment that promotes learning
- * Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student
- * Foster strong parental and community relationships

2016–17 School Goals

- * Improve reading and writing achievement across all grade levels
- * Increase the percentage of students scoring at proficient or better on the ELA Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment
- * Improve math scores across grade levels

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Saint George Elementary and our families have developed 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 are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the school year.

The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Saint George 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. Meetings for parents will be held at various times, to support the schedules of all parents.

Dates are subject to change. Times will be given at a later date, if not noted.

Open House – August 4, 2016

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

Annual Title I Meeting – October 13, 2016 – 6 to 6:30 pm

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home and posted on the school website.

Homework Help Night – October 13, 2016 – 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Join us in the Cafeteria to savor some refreshing ice cream, and receive helpful information to make the nightly homework session go smoother!

Upper Grades Money Mania – November 15 - 2:00 pm

Join 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the Media Center for a presentation by a representative from First United Federal Credit Union. We will learn important skills for saving and budgeting money.

Winter Band Concert and First Grade Christmas Pageant – December 20

Join us as the 5th and 6th grade bands perform for the entire school. Watch as First Grade performs their Christmas Nativity Pageant. A family craft project will be provided, that you can work on with your child over the holidays.

Lower Grades (K-3) – No Man Like a Snow Man! – January 19

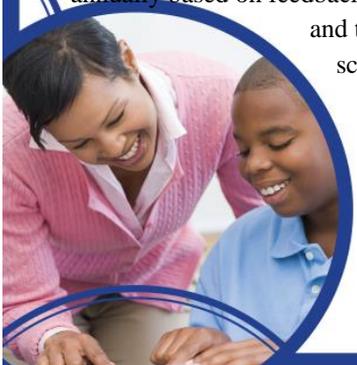
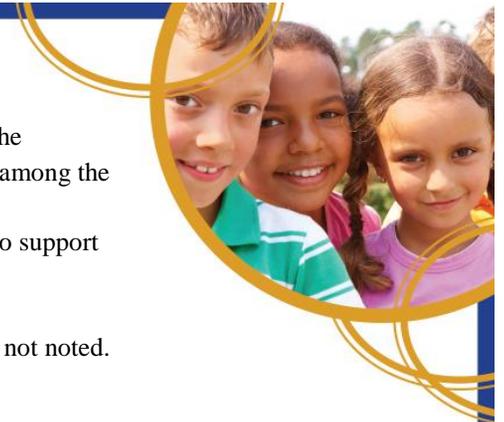
Complete a snowman craft project with your child. Then, come on the 19th to enjoy coffee and doughnuts as you tour the hallways and observe the students' creativity.

Bingo for Books – February 1st – 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Enjoy a fun afternoon of bingo with your child. Every child who participates wins a book.

Annual School Spelling Bee – February 16

Come and cheer on the Super Spellers who will have worked so diligently to win their Class Spelling Bees. Competition is fierce, and the trophies are magnificent.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child.

Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7:45am – 3:00 pm, in Room 104.

Parental Involvement

Saint George Elementary believes that parental 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.

Saint George Elementary is Branching Out!

Saint George 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 posted on the school Web site, and that invitations are sent home with all students.
- ✓ Provide periodic training for staff during faculty meetings on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Share information on the school website 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, through student planners 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 and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
 - ✓ Use our School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
 - ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
 - ✓ Support parents in understanding the Georgia Standards of Excellence, the Georgia Performance Standards, and the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments.



Parental Involvement Standards

Saint George 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

Saint George Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet at different times during the school year, but parents 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 Parent Involvement Coordinators (Mrs. Birman and Mrs. Johnson) at (912) 843-2383 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 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 plan 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) _____

