

Sue Reynolds Elementary School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2017–2018 School Year

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What is Title I?

Sue Reynolds 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 in reinforce and enhance 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 policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Sue Reynolds Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Sue Reynolds 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 Sue Reynolds 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?

Sue Reynolds Elementary School invited all parents to attend our End of the Year Meeting Forum last spring 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. 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 mail 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 including our annual Community Cares event.

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. Sue Reynolds 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?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is available online. As a reminder, we will mail the plan to all parents in August before the scheduled Open House event. 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.

2017–18 District Goals

Prepare students to be College and Career Ready.

- Ensure that teachers are using the RCK12 Curriculum and engaging students with rigorous content area standards.
- Analyze and monitor data to facilitate student achievement.
- Recruit, retain, and train quality employees
- Ensure safe, healthy, and orderly learning environments.

2017–18 School Goals

- Increase the percentage of students reading on grade level by Grade 3
- Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient or above on the Grade 4 Georgia Milestones EOG
- Increase the school's CCRPI by 3 %
- Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient or above on the science EOG
- Increase the percentage of 5ht grade students scoring proficient of above on the Social Studies EOG

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Sue Reynolds 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

Community Cares event and the School Forum.

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

Let's Get Together!

Sue Reynolds Elementary will host events to build capacity for strong parental involvement to support partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings will be held at different times to meet the needs of our students and parents.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 2017

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be mailed and posted in the school newsletter and local media.

Open House – August 2017

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

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 2017 & February 2018

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Technology Talk – January 2018

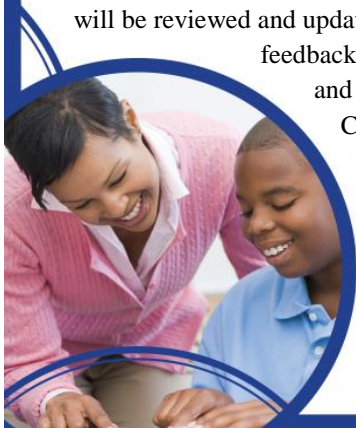
Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning.

School Forum – May 2018

A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions regarding the schoolwide plan, parental involvement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.

Volunteer Trainings- Ongoing

Volunteer training is conducted the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM. *Please note the training for February will be held on February 27th instead of the 20th due to a student holiday.



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, 8:30 am –4:00 pm

Parental Involvement

Sue Reynolds 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.

Sue Reynolds Elementary is Branching Out!

Sue Reynolds 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 parents programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school website and included in school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter 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 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. (i.e. Georgia standards of excellence, Ga Milestones, Title I part A, parent-teacher partnership support).
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Parental Involvement Standards

Sue Reynolds 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

Sue Reynolds 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 four 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 facilitator at (706) 855-2540 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) _____

