

Spirit Creek Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2023-2024 School Year

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What is Title I?

Spirit Creek Middle 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.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Spirit Creek Middle 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 compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, teachers and all other stakeholders. The school-other stakeholders. The school-parent compacts are shared with parents teacher conferences and in the parent resource center.



2023-2024 School Goals

Based on the implementation of the district wide instructional framework expectations, student achievement in math will increase from 35% to 45% on the GMAS for the 2023-2024 school year.

Based on the implementation of the district wide instructional framework expectations, student achievement in ELA will increase from 35% to 45% on the GMAS for the 2023-2024 school year.

Spirit Creek Middle School will implement evidence-based strategies, such as social-emotional learning programs, teacher professional development, and behavior management plans to create a supportive and respectful learning environment.

Let's Get Together!

Spirit Creek will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Annual Meeting

Building Parent/Child
Communication Skills
Workshop

**Volunteer @
Spirit Creek**

Contact the school.

Input/Revision Meeting

Literacy Night

Content Nights

Georgia Milestones
Support and Resources

2022-2023 District Goals

During the 2022-2023 school year, we will utilize technology and the Richmond County School System Instructional Framework to increase academic achievement across all tested content areas by 3%.

During the 2022-2023 school year, through our Induction Support Program, we will increase the percentage of highly effective teachers and leaders retained in the Richmond County School System by 3%.

During the 2022-2023 school year, we will increase the graduation rate from 73.77% to 75% by a continued focus on the strategy map and working to produce graduates that meet the Richmond County School System Profile of a Graduate.



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, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Parent and Family Engagement

Spirit Creek Middle believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.

Spirit Creek Middle is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this policy. Please call if you need assistance or have any questions. We are here to help and want your participation in our programs.

Spirit Creek is Branching Out!

Spirit Creek Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 an understandable format and language and posted on the school website.

Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

Partner with early childhood programs, middle schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.

Share information for parents to understand the school's curriculum, academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators. Provide parents with individual student assessment results and interpretation of those results.

Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, the school website, REMIND, social media and flyers.

Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.

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. These meetings will be offered at various times (morning and evening) and in various formats.

Offer Infinite Campus account set up and assistance with usage for parents and family members to monitor their student's progress.

Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events and post a survey on the school website in order to respond to parents requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Spirit Creek Middle 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 Council

Spirit Creek has developed a School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The School Council meets 2 times during the school year, but all parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any of the school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys.

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Spirit Creek Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Spirit Creek Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Spirit Creek Middle will support family 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?

Spirit Creek Middle invited all parents to complete our End of the Year and Beginning of the Year Surveys to give input on revising this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and family engagement 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 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 Parent Teacher Conferences, Active Parenting, Curriculum Night and Parent Orientation.

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. Spirit Creek Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the Richmond County Parent and Family Engagement Plan is included in the student code of conduct book that is given to all students. The Spirit Creek Parent and Family Engagement Plan will also be posted on the school website and distributed at the Title I Annual Meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

GET INVOLVED

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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) _____



Where Excellence is a Tradition

School Volunteer

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Volunteer Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Volunteer Team.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____