



TITLE I SUMTER COUNTY SCHOOLS' DISTRICT NEWS

COMING THIS MONTH!

ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT MEETING

The Annual Title I Parent Meeting provides information about the Title I federal program and how you can be involved in the success of your child's education. Tune in to gain specific information concerning:

- ✓ What is a Title I School?
- ✓ How does our school spend Title I federal funds?
- ✓ How does SCS participate in the Title I federal program?
- ✓ What are the Title I school wide requirements?
- ✓ What are the Title I School-Wide Plans and Goals?
- ✓ Title I Family Engagement Funding and Parental Involvement Opportunities.
- ✓ SCS Curriculum and Assessments.
- ✓ School and District Family Engagement Policies and School- Parent Compacts

Visit your child's school website and/or face book page for this months posted flyer. The flyer will list specific dates and times of when the meeting will be posted.

TESTING

Test taking is an important part of teaching and learning. Testing is an academic checkup to make sure student learning is on track. In addition, testing is used to help make decisions that improve the quality of education that each child receives. Although SCS is holding school virtually for the first semester of 2020-2021 school year, testing will continue to be used as a measuring tool for student growth. The following testing assessments will be administered at SCS: **G-Kids, Keenville; STAR Reading & Math; iReady; ACCESS; Pre & Posttests; Georgia Alternate Assessments (GAA); and Georgia Milestones.**

For more information about specific testing at your child's school, contact the testing coordinator.

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NEED CHILDCARE?? Apply for the SOLVE Scholarship

SOLVE Scholarships provide financial assistance for families with students enrolled in a Georgia public school system offering only a virtual learning model. Scholarships support working families with children ages 5-12 (kindergarten and up) by paying for care, supervision, and support during the school day while students are engaged in virtual learning. Only licensed childcare learning centers, licensed family child care learning homes, and providers with an approved day camp exemption from DECAL are eligible to offer SOLVE Scholarships. Below is a list of quality rated daycares in the area. Call the locations below to see if the SOLVE scholarship is accepted.

- Jackie's lil Tooty Tots Daycare, Americus Ga.
- Kids Kastle Daycare and Learning Center, Americus Ga.
- Bright Beginnings, Americus Ga.
- The Play Zone, Ellaville Ga.

For details on SOLVE Scholarship, and a link to the application, visit <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CAPS/Solve.aspx> or email Solve@dec.state.ga.us

GRADING

SCS' is committed to maintaining rigorous performance and achievement standards for all students while providing a fair process for evaluating and reporting student progress.

Grades are an essential way to communicate student progress toward mastery of state and local standards. As such, grading and reporting practices will include: Meaningful feedback on student achievement to students, parents, teachers, administrators and the school system; Alignment with the Sumter County Schools' curriculum; Opportunity for students to demonstrate mastery of grade level or course expectations outlined in the curriculum through a variety of methods; and summative assessments which may include final exams, end of unit tests, and cumulative projects, as reflections of a student's mastery of grade level or course material.

****Log onto the parent portal regularly to monitor your child's grades and performance.**

Don't Forget to Use Your Reading and Math Resource Workbooks

Last school year, Title I Family Engagement funds were used to purchase 180 Days of Reading and Math workbooks for all K-6 grade students. This supplemental resource contains 180 short practice activities that correlates with key standards and skills learned in the classroom. Remember to take some time each day to sit with your child to encourage, assist, and ensure the understanding of the skills and concepts as they complete at least one activity each night to build their reading comprehension and word study skills.

WIDA REMOTE ONLINE SCREENER For English Learners

As a student in our school district's English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, your child may receive effective language instruction from an ESOL teacher. As an English Learner, your child may also qualify for additional supports that we offer to help improve his/her English skills.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, WIDA developed the remote screener as a temporary screening tool for school districts who are providing distance and remote learning due to targeted, short-term, or extended closures. This screener is available for Grades K-12 to help teachers identify language development needs to better serve their students.

For more information, contact the principal at your child's school.

REPORT CARDS COMING SOON



Parents may access student report cards on **October 21st** through the parent portal on Sumter County Schools website. If you have any questions regarding how to sign into infinite campus parent portal, contact your child's school for detailed information. Should you require a paper copy, you may contact the principal at your child's school.

GA CENSUS: Every. One. Counts

The Census helps the government decide how to distribute funds and assistance to local communities. Prepare Americus for the decade ahead while there's still time.

Go to:

www.my2020census.gov

E-LEARNING ETIQUETTE-Simple as 1,2,3.

1. Choose a location for your child with minimum noise and traffic.
2. Ensure that your child logs into the classroom on time.
3. To eliminate background noise, remind students to mute their device unless he/she has a question or response.