

## Sumter County Intermediate School

### *Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Success*



### **2020-21 School Year**

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## SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

### **What is Title I?**

Sumter County Intermediate School 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 en-

### **How is it revised?**

Sumter County Intermediate School invited all parents to attend our annual Parent Input meeting 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. 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 and by mail 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 Stakeholders' Input Meeting.

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Sumter County Intermediate School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. SCIS 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 SCIS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student achievement.

### **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. Sumter County Intermediate will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.



## 2020-2021 District & School Goals

Increase the percentage of students scoring at the developing learner level and above by 4% in all core content areas by the end of the 2020-2021 school year as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

### **Area of focus:**

All Core Content Areas



## School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, Sumter County Intermediate School 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 Stakeholders' Input Meeting. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during, parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher.

## Let's Get Together!

Sumter County Intermediate School 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. Please note that some meetings will be held twice depending upon the subject matter.



### *Open House*

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

### *Annual Title I Meeting*

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

### *SCIS Taste of Curriculum*

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics

### *Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences*

Scheduled updates on your child's progress and review compacts.

### *Stakeholder Input Meeting*

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

### *Testing Tips for Georgia Milestones*

Parents will receive valuable information pertaining to this state mandated test.

### *Getting Ready for Next Year*

Rising 4th and 7th Grade Transition Meeting.



## 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  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm



## Sumter County Intermediate School is Branching Out!

Sumter County Intermediate School 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 both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- \* Provide quarterly trainings for staff during their planning periods 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 and high 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 in English and Spanish 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 school-wide 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 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.

## Parent and Family Engagement

Sumter County Intermediate School 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.



SCIS is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in the policy. Please call or email us if you were unable to attend any family engagement work- shops and would like to come and pick up the information

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