PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
Fort Middle School
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District Goals

The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses on Tier 1 instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

School's Smart Goals

Smart Goal #1 By May 2019, 100% of teachers will be trained on how to effectively utilize literacy strategies to increase student Lexile scores with 80% effectiveness. Strategies utilized will include Purposeful Close Reading and Writing, text annotation and talk-alouds, Fort's writing template for extended constructed responses, RACES and integration of vocabulary lessons.

Smart Goal #2 By May 2019, 100% of the faculty and staff will be trained to implement Teachers As Advisors to increase student connectedness with 80% effectiveness.

WHAT IS TITLE I?

FSLMA is identified as a Title I school as part of the ESSA. Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children received a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. 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 Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

What is it?
The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how FSLMA will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. FSLMA values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish a partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it developed?
FSLMA welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. FSLMA also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

Who is it for?
All parents at FSLMA are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. FSLMA will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?
The Parent and Family Engagement Plan is included in the student handbook given out to all students. As a reminder, FSLMA will send another copy to parents prior to the Title I Annual Parent Meeting. For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, Parent and Family Engagement correspondence and activities will be mailed to each facility where students reside. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school and on the school's website

Title I Parent Involvement

Parent & Family Engagement Opportunities

Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting
An evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program. Includes our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, Parent-School Compact, and parents' requirements.

Open House
Meet your child's teachers. Join PTA. Find opportunities on how to get involved. Complete survey. Give feedback on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact.

Academic Parent Workshops (March)
Learn necessary skills for student success.

Smart Goals Workshops (Fall/Spring)
Inform students and parents about the latest resources to help support student learning.

Georgia Milestones Assessment Workshops (March)
Learn about healthy testing habits along with test taking strategies.

Transition Workshops (May)
An evening of meeting and greeting your child's teachers. Seeing the excellent education FSLMA has to offer your child.

Grandparent and Grand Friends Day (October)
Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year. Help celebrate family and friends.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (August-April)
Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Transitioning from Middle to High School (May)
Learn what high school is about and what to expect.

Parent Resource Room/Area
Check out and/or receive materials from the Parent Resource Room.

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

FSLMA will take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in English, posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, and posted on the school's marquee.
- Conduct staff development once a year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Share information on school website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities, such as Connect-Ed, marquee, flyers, and the website.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Room/Area to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support Parent and Family Engagement at the school.
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school Parent and Family Engagement plan and activities.

Assistance to Parents

Effective Parent and Family Engagement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. FSLMA is committed to helping our parents by maintaining a Parent Resource Room/Area for parents to check out materials to use at home with their child.

Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities can be published in Spanish upon request.