

## **Fort Service Learning Magnet Academy Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

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### **Goals for Student Achievement**

#### **District Goals:**

The Muscogee County School District will implement evidence-based Tier I instruction, a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), leadership development, and a culture of kindness.

#### **School Goals:**

Smart Goal #1: By May 2020, 100% of teachers will be trained on how to effectively utilize gradual release to increase literacy across the. Curriculum with 80% effectiveness.

Smart Goal #2: By May 2020, 100% of the teachers will be trained on 2 modules (rituals & routines and teaching expectations) with 80% effectiveness as measured by PBIS Self-Assessment Survey (SAS), the Tiered Fidelity Instrument (TFI) and observational data obtained through walkthrough data.

### **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.

### **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

#### **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?**

At the beginning of the year, 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.

### **What is Parent Family Engagement?**

FSLMA believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement.

FSLMA believes:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents are invited to attend monthly parent workshops/activities sponsored at the school
- Parents are invited to volunteer, participate and observe in their child's classroom
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and included in the decision-making of their child's education

## 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.

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## Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Activities at Fort Service Learning Magnet Academy

### Title I Annual Parent Meeting (September)

This is an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program which includes our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, Parent-School Compact, and parents' requirements. Come meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the school year.

### Smart Goal Workshops (Fall/Spring)

Inform students and parents about the latest resources to help support student learning.

### Grandparent and Grand Friends Day (October)

Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year and help celebrate family and friends.

### Academic Workshop (March)

Learn necessary skills for student success.

### Georgia Milestones Workshop (March)

Learn about healthy testing habits along with test taking strategies.

### 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.

### Assistance to Parents (Parent Liaison)

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, News Letters, & Updates.

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