

Feedback

All Stakeholders at South Columbus Elementary School are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback. For any part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/ School-Parent Compact, that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide suggestions and feedback. Send those suggestions and/or feedback to the school office and/or Parent Contact Representative. Thank you for your continued support!

School Representative Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Feedback or Comments: _____

Visit Our Parent Resource Center/Area

Our Parent Resource Center/Area has learning games, books, workbooks, and many other resources available for families to checkout or keep for use at home. Our Parent Contact is our School Counselor, Amy Arabian. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

Our Parent Center/Area is located in Room 5.

Please contact Ms. Arabian for additional information about our Parent Resource Center, resources available for checkout, and volunteer opportunities.

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Muscogee County School District Mission

Our mission is to inspire and equip all students to achieve unlimited potential.

Muscogee County School District Vision

MCSD is a beacon of educational excellence where all are known, valued, and inspired.



South Columbus Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy & School-Parent Compact 2026-2027

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Our School Goals

South Columbus Elementary will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

Goal 1: Instructional Goal

Each year through FY29, 100% of teachers will increase their knowledge and implementation of High-Impact Teaching (HITS) strategies to strengthen Tier 1 instruction, targeting a 3% annual increase in student math and reading proficiency from Fall baseline to Spring STAR assessment (see below for grade-level targets).

Goal 2: Climate Goal

By May 2027, chronic absenteeism will be reduced to 18% or below (from 20.8% in FY26), through year-round early identification of and intervention with at-risk students

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

South Columbus Elementary School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnership as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

The National PTA 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

Working Together To Ensure Success

SOUTH COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY will...

Teachers are expected to work with students and their families to support students' success in all classes. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Believe that each student can learn.
- Come to class prepared to teach.
- Provide learning environments that:
 - Promote higher test scores
 - Improve the graduation rate
 - Improve the number of students eligible for hope
- Encourage students to attend classes regularly to be successful.
- Maintain open lines of communication with students and their parents.
- Seek ways to involve parents in the school program.
- Demonstrate professional behavior and a positive attitude.

Victoria Griffin , Principal



Assistant Principal, D'Yana Hardaway



As Students, we will...

Students are encouraged to participate in the educational process. A successful student takes ownership of his/her learning and sets high educational goals.

- Work hard to ensure excellent attendance records.
- Work cooperatively with my teachers to positive behaviors and attitudes.
- As a student do my best in all classes to make sure that I graduate on time.
- Work hard to maintain a high a GPA to increase my chances of success.

As Families, we will...

Parents are expected to participate in the education of their children. Without the cooperation and partnership between parents and school staff, we cannot effectively help a student reach his or her full potential. The major role of parents is to continually show their children that they are interested and supportive of how their child is doing in school.

- See that my child attends school regularly and on time.
- Provide a home environment that encourages my child to learn.
- Communicate regularly with my child's teacher(s).
- Support the school in developing positive behavior and study habits so that they can:
 - Increase test scores
 - Improve the graduation rate
 - Improve the number of students eligible for Hope.

Our District Goals

By June 2031, Muscogee County School District will increase the percentage of students performing at or above grade-level readiness by 20 percentage points through the implementation of evidence-based instructional practices, targeted interventions, and ongoing progress monitoring across all schools.

By June 2031, Muscogee County School District will reduce districtwide chronic absenteeism by a minimum of 20% from the established baseline year (2025–2026), as measured by official student attendance data reported through the state accountability system.

By July 2027, Muscogee County School District will provide differentiated professional development for all employee groups, and 80% of all MCSD employees will engage in self-selected, differentiated professional development opportunities.

By July 2027, Muscogee County School District will increase awareness of and adherence to the district's Mission, Vision and Values to create a "Culture of Kindness" for all stakeholders as measured by stakeholder surveys and closing the gap result plan to reduce office discipline referrals, increase in percentage in attendance, increase wraparound services, and improve school climate.

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance:
South Columbus Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents:

Curriculum Information: Inform parents throughout the year about what their child is learning by providing parent and family engagement meetings and workshops, parent-teacher conferences, information on Canvas, and on our school website.

Student Progress Monitoring: Ensure families are familiar with the online resource Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessments, course history, and much more. Monitoring student progress in school is an important way to be involved in their education.

Parent Resources: Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to checkout materials to assist them with helping their child at home. Resources are available in English and Spanish.

Staff Trainings: Conduct staff development quarterly on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.

Communication: Ensure schools publish all information related to school workshops, programs, meetings, and activities in both English and Spanish and communicated on a regular basis.

Transition Support: Partner with early childhood programs, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, college and career organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare families and their children for successful school transitioning.

Communication

South Columbus Elementary is committed to keeping open lines of communication with families. We have several ways to communicate. We utilize two-way communication through the school website, email, phone calls, parent conferences, social media, Infinite Campus and Canvas to reach our students and families.

South Columbus Elementary will also provide materials at conferences and workshops to help parents work with their children at home. Parents can request additional conferences by contacting the school or their child's teacher. Transportation and childcare may also be offered for parents to prevent barriers to family engagement. For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, family engagement correspondence and activities will be mailed to each facility where students reside. If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact the school at (706) 565-2960.

Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Connect-Ed phone calls and/or text messages
- Updates on the school's website
- Social Media posts
 - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Parent Emails
- Parent-teacher conferences

How is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact developed and revised?

Each Title I school will conduct a yearly annual meeting to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact. Each school will invite all families to provide input on revisions to the policy/compact. Families are welcome to provide input throughout the year via feedback forms, emails, comments, or telephone. The revised policy/compact will be available throughout the year in our parent resource area and on our school website.

Where is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact available and who is it for?

The Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact and all other Title I information is designated for all families and is available on our school's website under the Parent Section. Families can also find paper copies of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact in our Parent Center/Area and at Parent and Family Engagement meetings. All families at Kendrick High are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities as described in our Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. Kendrick High will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how South Columbus Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Kendrick High School values the contributions and involvement of families in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent and family engagement and how families are encouraged to be full partners in the decision-making of their child's education.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is a written agreement that outlines how our school, our students, and our families will work together to ensure the academic success of all students. An effective School-Parent Compact contains the following elements:

- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our annual review meeting
- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Review and revise the School-Parent Compact at meetings and workshops throughout the year to assure we are diligent in our efforts to support academic success for all students.

What is Title I?

South Columbus Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive 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 parent and family engagement. Parents and family members of children receiving services shall be involved in the decisions regarding how funds reserved are allotted for parent and family engagement activities and resources.

Building Partnerships

South Columbus Elementary School collaborates with families and community partners to provide multiple workshops and trainings at various times that meet the needs of the parents and support Parent and Family Engagement at the school. We will offer the following activities to build our partnership with families:

- Annual Title I Parent Meeting - To inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights under Title I.
- Parent and Family Engagement/School-Parent Compact Review Meeting
- Reading and Literacy Meeting
- Technology Meeting
- Georgia Milestones Meeting
- Transition Meetings
- Additional Activities To Build Parent Capacity

Please visit our website regularly and check emails/notifications to learn about dates, times and other details about upcoming events.

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