



Sandtown Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

2020-2021 School Year

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What is Title I?

Sandtown is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act and Secondary Education Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school form 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 engagement plan.

SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



What is the Sandtown Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

Sandtown's Parent and Family Engagement Plan describes how we will support the important role parents have in the education of their students. We build capacity for parent engagement by establishing an equal partnership that allows parents to be involved in the education of their child.

How is it revised?

Sandtown Middle School invited all parents and encouraged their participation to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The plan is revised annually through our school's Title I Parent Input Meeting. All parents are encouraged and offered several opportunities to participate. Parents and the entire school staff jointly developed the plan. Parent feedback and input is welcome throughout the school year. All feedback is considered when revising the Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the next school year. Annual surveys are distributed to all parents. Feedback forms and parent surveys are posted on the school's website to offer parents an additional opportunity to offer input on how the 1% of Parent and Family Engagement funds are used.

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. Sandtown Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children as well as participation of parents and families with limited English speaking skills.

Where is it available?

The plan is distributed to all of our families at our PTSA meetings, parent night meetings, the front office and other school events. The plan is located in the Parent Resource Center and also on the schools' website under the "Parent" and "Title I" tabs. The plan is always readily available to parents and is also available in the community.

2020-2021 District Goals

Our goal is to prepare all students to graduate ready to pursue and succeed on their chosen paths.

- Student Achievement - We prepare students with strong academic foundations and skills needed to navigate life beyond graduation.
- People and Culture - We provide a welcoming environment and positive school and district culture for students, families and employees.
- Community Collaboration - We engage families, community members and civic organizations as active partners.
- Fiscal Responsibility - We manage and protect public funds and assets through efficient and effective use of available resources.

For measurable outcomes and to review the Strategic Plan 2022 visit:

<http://www.fultonschools.org/en/Pages/StrategicPlan2022.aspx>

2020-2021 School Goals

• The percentage of students in grade 6 performing at Developing and above on the ELA Georgia Milestones will increase by 3%, from 71.5% to 74.5% for the 2020-2021 school year..

• The percentage of students in grade 8 performing at Developing and above on the Math Georgia Milestones will increase by 3%, from 66.8% to 69.8% for the 2020-2021 school year..

• The percentage of students in grade 8 performing at Developing and above on the Science Georgia Milestones will increase by 3%, from 47.3% to 50.3% for the 2020-2021 school year

Focus Area: Mathematics:

- Increase the understanding of geometrical concepts, measurement and data analysis.

Focus Area: Literacy

- Improve reading fluency and comprehension text

SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACT

As part of this plan, Sandtown Middle and our families will develop a school-family 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 Annual Parent Input Meeting.

Let's Get Together!

Sandtown Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. We encourage your participation.

Virtual Open House – August 13, 2020

Meet your child's administrative team, teachers, and our friendly and helpful school staff.

Annual Title I Meeting - October 19, 2020

Gain knowledge, updates and information about the Sandtown Title I program.

ELA and Social Studies parent Workshop - November 19, 2020

Join us to learn and receive resources to help support your child's learning experience.

Math and Science parent Workshop - December 15, 2020

Tune in and learn strategies for helping your child understand math and science.

Spring Curriculum Night - January 26, 2021

Learn helpful curriculum information to help prepare your scholar at home and upcoming testing.

Technology parent Workshop - February 23, 2021

Come hear about safety and privacy for you and your child working on technical devices.

Testing and Assessment - March 9, 2021

Provide parents with standardized testing strategies and tips.

From Elementary to Middle School Parent Transition Workshop - May 11, 2021

Support parents and students with transitioning to the next grade level.

From Middle to High School Parent Transition Workshop - May 12, 2021

Support parents and students with transitioning to the next grade level.

Parent Resource Center

Please stop by our Parent Resource Center to check out books, educational games and activities to use at home with your student as well as various study materials for all subjects. We provide computers for our parents to access the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Current-December: Email Request Only
January-May: Tentative due to COVID-19

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Sandtown Middle School believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents by communicating and engaging in academic learning with their child and utilizing resources to ensure:

- That parents help by establishing an academic foundation in their child's learning.
- That parents help their children by encouraging them and being actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are included in important decisions and to give advice to assist in the learning and education of their child.

Sandtown Middle School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our program.

Contact -Parent/Student Services Coordinator
Mrs. Tanya Swift
SwiftT@fultonschools.org
(470) 254-8632

Sandtown Middle School is Branching Out!

Sandtown will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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 parents.
- ✓ Educate staff on how to effectively communicate with parents and build partnerships for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with APEC and Early Reading programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and 8th grade to improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and S.M.O.R.E 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 training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan.
- ✓ Offer parent Engagement Workshops for parents to help further their various educational needs.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents by providing a suggestion box in the front office and on posting on the school website in order to provide support for all parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ Share information about all parent engagement meetings and activities in a timely manner and at various times, and respond to parents requests.
- ✓ The residential facilities for students in the Sandtown Middle School attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

Sandtown Middle School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

These 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

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Sandtown Middle School invites all parents and families to attend meetings, workshops and events regularly to share ideas and ways to involve other parents in building partnerships with the school, families, and community. Parents may also submit their ideas or suggestions at school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about more opportunities, please contact the Registrar/Parent and Student Services Coordinator, Tanya Swift at (470) 254-8632 or complete the interest form and leave it in the front office.



Parent Interest Form

- Yes, I am interested in building a partnership with Sandtown faculty, staff and students.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about building partnerships
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and

Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office or Parent Resource Room.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
