

Sandtown Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan “Every Student a Success” 2019-2020 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 invites all parents/families and encourages their participation to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Plan. It is revised annually through our school's Title I Parent Input Meetings. All parents are encouraged and offered several opportunities to participate. Parents, students 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 and feedback forms are distributed to all parents. Feedback forms and parent surveys are posted on the school's website to provide an additional opportunity to offer input and feedback 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 and 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 Annual Title I Meeting, 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 Sandtown's website under the "Parent" and "Title I" tabs. The plan is always readily available to parents and is also available in the community at the local library.



2019-20 District Goals

To ensure that all FCS students graduate and are prepared to pursue their chosen paths -- whether college, career or military -- and to succeed on those paths after high school by focusing on four top priorities over the next five years:

- Prepare strong students with strong academic foundations and the skills needed to navigate life beyond graduation.
- Provide a welcoming environment and positive school and district culture for students, families and employees.
- Engage families, community members and civic organizations as active partners.
- 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: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/282>

2019-20 School Goals

- Increase the percentage of students who meet and exceed GSE Math standards on GMAS by 3% by May 2020
- Increase the percentage of students who met and exceed GSE ELA stands on GMAS by 3% by May 2020.

School-Family Compacts

As part of this plan, Sandtown Middle School 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.

Sneak-A-Peak – August 8, 2019

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

Curriculum Night – 7TH & 8TH Grade August 28, 2019; 6th Grade September 4, 2019

Learn helpful curriculum information to help prepare your students at home for the school year.

Parents, Families, Staff & Community Input Meeting—September 18, 2019

Opportunity to provide input into the Schoolwide Title 1 Plan, School-Family Compact & School, Parent/Family Engagement Plan

Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September 25, 2019

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

Parent University Session: Are You iReady? – September 25, 2019

Come learn how iReady helps teachers determine reading and math needs, personalize their learning and monitor their progress.

Coffee and Conversation— October 23, 2019

Engage in conversation over a cup of coffee with Principal Miley on academic, school-wide improvements and student discipline/PBIS

A Moment With Our Moms—October 23, 2019

Join us for a special Breast Cancer Awareness program

Parent Resource Center Open House— TBD

Celebrate the grand opening of our new Parent Resource Center outfitted with tools and information that will equip and empower parents to help our scholars succeed!

Coffee and Conversation— December 11, 2019

Engage in conversation over a cup of coffee with Principal Miley

Family Fun Activity—December 2019 TBD

ELA and Social Studies Parental Workshop & Trivia Night – January 8, 2019

Join us to get the latest resources to help support your child's learning experience, then put your knowledge to work on ELA & Social Studies trivia!

Math and Science Parental Workshop Night & Jeopardy– March 4, 2020

Learn strategies for helping your child understand science and math, then compete to become the Sandtown Jeopardy Champ!

Georgia Milestones Testing Information

Provides parents with standardized testing strategies and tips.

From Middle to High School Parent Transition Meeting Workshop – Spring 2020

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

From Elementary to Middle School Parent Transition Workshop –Spring 2020

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

Title I Spring Parent Morning Mixer– April 2020

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

Family Fun Activity—May 2020 TBD

Spring Input Meeting—2020



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, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Parent & 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 on 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 engagement activities listed in this plan. If transportation or childcare presents as a barrier, you may call the school to obtain resources.

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Sandtown Middle is Branching Out!

Sandtown Middle School 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. To offer flexibility and encourage parent attendance, meetings will be offered at various times such as mornings and evenings. 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.
- ✓ All staff and school personnel will be educated on how to effectively communicate with parents and build partnerships. A face-to-face training will take place each semester (Fall and Spring), as well as secondary methods provided through emails, videos, etc. each semester.
- ✓ Partner with APEC's "Determined Responsible Individuals Prepared for Success" (D.R.I.P.) program and early reading programs to help prepare parents and families of 5th and 8th grade scholars to improve school transition
- ✓ Partner with high schools and other programs to prepare parents and families for a successful transition to high school.
- ✓ 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 schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, email 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.
- ✓ 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 Parental Engagement Workshops 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.



Parent & 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 Parental Liaison,
Erika D. Neal at
(470) 254-6502

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 Front Office or Parent Resource Room. Any unsatisfactory comments about this plan will be submitted to the District.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional)

