

Sardis Enrichment School



Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2019-2020

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What is Title I?

Sardis Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform 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 policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Sardis Enrichment will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Sardis Enrichment values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Sardis Enrichment will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



How is it revised?

Sardis Enrichment School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event.

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. Sardis Enrichment will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, after the plan has been revised, we posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2019-2020 District Goals

- By the end of FY20, the percentage of students in each subgroup moving into the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments will increase by 2% in the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance.
- By the end of FY20, the “Closing the Gaps” score will increase by 10% (based on Fy19 “Closing the GAPS” score) at each level (elementary, middle, and high).
- By the end of FY20, the percentage of Economically Disadvantaged students moving into the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones ELA Assessment will increase by 3% in the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance

2019-2020 School Goals

- Sardis K-3 teachers will participate in professional learning on research-based best practices for the acquisition of systematic literacy instruction and then implement those strategies as measured by an increase in the percent of students reading on grade level on EOY Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System.
- Sardis will focus on math fact fluency, as measured by an increased percentage of students mastering grade-appropriate facts with Math Facts and GKIDS 2.0
- Sardis will provide Type 1 enrichment activities and opportunities for service learning for 100% of our students, as well as additional opportunities for Types II and III.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Sardis Enrichment and our families will develop a school-parent 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

Community Cares event and

the School Forum. The

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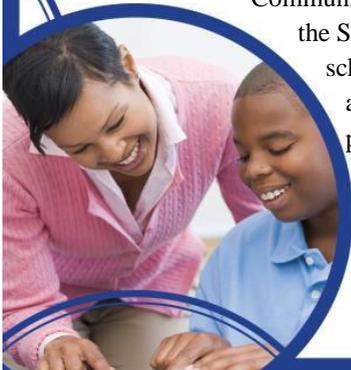
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Let’s Get Together!

Sardis Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

- **Kindergarten Parent Orientation (Aug. 1)** – Orientation for Kindergarten families
- **Open House (Aug. 5)** - Meet your child’s teacher and School personnel;
- **5th grade curriculum night (Aug. 19)** – Learn about 5th grade standards and expectations
- **SEARCH curriculum night (Aug. 19)** – Expectations and yearly plans for the SEARCH classroom
- **Parent Involvement Advisory Committee Meeting (Aug. 29)** – Parents have an opportunity to provide input into the revision of the Parent Involvement Plan, Parent Compact, and Parental Involvement Budget.
- **Annual Title 1 Meeting (Oct. 24 via Facebook Live)** – This annual Title 1 meeting will help you learn about our Title 1 program, including the school wide improvement plan, the parent involvement policy, parent compacts, and parent’s requirements.
- **Veteran’s Day Ceremony (Nov. 11)** –
- **Cluster Showcases (Fall – Nov. 19; Spring – March 31)**- Come see the various learning opportunities that Enrichment clusters afforded students during the cluster round.
- **ADVANCE Graduation (spring TBA)** – Hall County Sheriff’s Deputies award fifth grade students who have completed the requirements of the ADVANCE program
- **GA Milestones Night (Jan. 30)** – Learn what to expect from the GA Milestones Assessment. What will your child be expected to do? How can you support him/her from home?
- **Kindergarten Registration (Marc. 24 – 26)**- Registration for next year’s kindergarteners. Ongoing throughout the year.
- **Governing Board Meetings (quarterly)** – The governing board meets quarterly with representation from parents, staff, and community.
- **Grandparents Raising Grandkids Support Group** – This group is facilitated by our counselor, Monie Shope, and a representative from Legacy Links. The group meets monthly.
- **PTO mtg. (quarterly)**
- **Support for Single Parents (quarterly)**
- **Spring Festival (date TBA)**



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, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Sardis Enrichment believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Sardis Enrichment School is committed to helping our parents and family members attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Sardis Enrichment is Branching Out!

Sardis Enrichment will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 families.
- Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school 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, 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 and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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 and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Sardis Enrichment 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

School Community Team

Sardis Enrichment School invites all parents to join the Sardis Community Connection, our parent/teacher organization. We would also like to invite you to be a participant in school committees and activities. We strive to continually build partnerships with the school, families, and the community. Parents can serve on committees, volunteer, or submit their ideas/suggestions at any time. If you would like to volunteer to serve in any way, please contact the principal Neil Yarrington or the parent liaison Lillianna Acevado at 770-532-0104 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Front Office.



School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Team.
- 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 policy 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:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
