

Sardis Enrichment School



Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2020-2021

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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 invite all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school-wide 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 revision, the plan is posted on the school's website and social media and presented at the Title I Annual Meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2020-2021 District Goals

- By the end of FY21, the percent of students in each subgroup moving into the “Proficient” and “Distinguished” levels of performance on GA Milestones EOG will increase by 2%.
- By the end of FY21, 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 FY21, the percentage of Economically Disadvantaged students moving into the “proficient” and “distinguished” levels on EOG will increase by 3.

2020-2021 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 I enrichment activities and opportunities for service learning for 100% of our students, as well as additional opportunities for Types II and III.

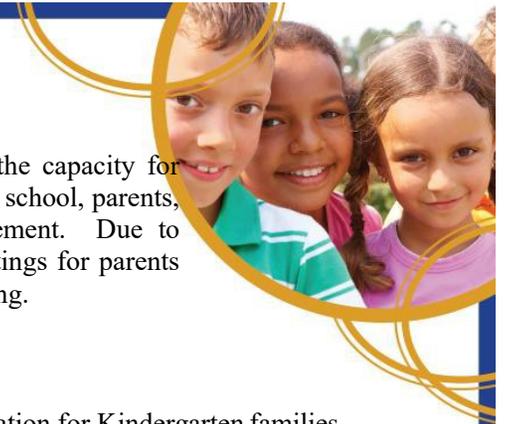
School-Parent Compacts

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.

School-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child’s teacher if parents need another copy.



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. Due to Covid19 many events will be held virtually via Zoom. Meetings for parents and family members are offered in the morning and the evening.

- **Kindergarten Parent Orientation (Aug.17-20)** – Orientation for Kindergarten families
- **Virtual Open House (Aug. 18-20)** - Meet your child’s teacher via Zoom
- **Annual Title 1 Meeting (Oct. 28 via Zoom)** – 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)** – Virtual celebration of our Veterans
- **GA Milestones Night (Feb. 25 Zoom)** – 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. 23 – 25)**- 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 via Zoom.
- **Title I Parent & Family Engagement Input Meeting – please indicate day and times**
Parents and stakeholders provide input for school improvement plan, school/district comprehensive needs assessment, family engagement policy, school-parent compact and family engagement budget

Sardis Enrichment is Branching Out!

In acknowledgement of reliable research proving that parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, Sardis Enrichment School encourages family engagement through the Sardis Community Connection, regular parent meetings, and support for the academic program of our school. Due to Covid19 many events will be held virtually via Zoom



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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In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Sardis Enrichment School will provide the following:

1. An annual orientation meeting where parents and families will meet with their child's teacher and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education.
2. A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents and families in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how families and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
4. Continuous communication to assist families in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through Sardis website, Student Handbook, student agendas, handouts, emails, and student achievement reports. All invitations will be sent in a timely manner with an additional follow-up.
5. All information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish
6. A school-parent compact designed by families and school staff that outlines how families, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving learning.
7. A yearly survey for all parents will be conducted to collect opinions and concerns of families about the current program and to collect suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings that meet the needs of families.
8. Staff development will be conducted four times a year via a Canvas course to provide family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with families.
9. Partner with Head Start through the District Parent Outreach Facilitator. The District Parent Outreach Facilitator meets with parents providing information and resources to support school orientation for parents and students to assist in successful student transitions to kindergarten.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents and family members in a format and language that is free of education jargon and easily understandable by all. Family and community members are always to be made welcome at Sardis Enrichment School.

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 Angelica Alvarez 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) _____

