Title I Schoolwide Annual Parent Orientation Meeting

South Salem Elementary August 17, 2023



Presented by Newton County School System Office of Federal Programs



What Is Title I?

Title I is a part of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), formally known as No Child Left Behind (2001). The Act provides financial assistance to state and local education agencies to meet the educational needs of children who may be at risk of failing the state's performance standards.

Two Service Models

School-Wide: All students are eligible to be served

Targeted Assisted: Specific students only

WE ARE SCHOOLWIDE!

What is a Title I Schoolwide Program?

NCSS District Goals and Performance Objectives

Strategic Goal Area I: Student achievement and success

- Improve student mastery of standards
- Increase opportunities for students to demonstrate success beyond test scores
- Increase graduation rate

Strategic Goal Area II: High-quality workforce

- Improve recruitment process to identify and hire high-quality staff
- Increase capacity of staff to deliver and support high-quality instruction
- Improve retention rate of high-performing personnel

Strategic Goal Area III: Culture. Climate, & Communication

- Provide equitable and inclusive learning and work environments at all levels of the district
- Improve the quality of two-way communication with all stakeholders
- Increase effective community partnerships

Strategic Goal Area IV: Organizational and operational effectiveness

- Ensure a systemic culture of safety
- Provide high-quality operational and instructional supports
- Increase the quality and presence of professional learning communities to improve performance and ensure continuous improvement
- Increase effectiveness utilizing performance development/management strategies

Title I School-Wide Goals

Reading - During the 23-24 school year, students will show an average gain equal to or greater than 3% on the post-test assessment in Reading as measured by the GMAS and FastBridge assessment.

Math - During the 23-24 school year, students will show an average gain equal to or greater than 3% on the post-test assessment in Math as measured by the GMAS and FastBridge assessment.

What programs/supports are in place to help my child?

Homeless and Foster Care Education Programs-The school district is required to provide uninterrupted educational services for students who are temporarily displaced (homeless) or living in foster care. Students may attend their school of origin or their home zoned school; based on what is in the best interest of the child. Contact Person: Khiem Reed - reed.khiem@newton.k12.ga.us

Migrant Education Program-The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is a federally funded program designed to support comprehensive educational programs for migrant children to help reduce the educational disruption and other problems that result from repeated moves.

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What is the state's grades report for our school?

IMPORTANT Note regarding 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 data: For school years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022, various pandemic related issues resulted in incomplete data for most metrics and there was significant variation in student participation rates where data are available. Therefore, it is not advisable to make comparisons between schools and/or districts for these years. Additionally, the GaDOE did not calculate a CCRPI for school years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022. Since GOSA's A-F grade is based on the school's CCRPI calculation, this site will not include a letter grade for the affected years.

Support Areas					
Directions: Describe how parent and family engagement, technology, professional learning, and student behavior/attendance influenced student achievement.					
Parent and Family Engagement:	Parents participated in virtual parent meetings via Zoom. Through the meetings parents and families received access to strategies and tools to support their child academic growth. The accessibility to attending virtually increased participation.				
Technology:	Due to virtual learning, technology was incorporated throughout each lesson taught. Students used Chromebooks, iPads, and various software programs daily. The technology devices also enable instruction to continue during periods of quarantine related to COVID- 19.				
Professional Learning:	Teachers participated in Orton-Gillingham training (phonics based training) along with other professional development provided by administrators and instructional coaches, such as math professional learning and professional learning communities.				
Student Behavior and Attendance:	Student behavior incidences went down dramatically. The use of PBIS and reteaching expectations decreased the number of discipline referrals. South Salem received recognition as a distinguished PBIS school due to the decrease number of incidents and an increase in the implementation of the program, thus increasing the overall morale of the school.				

What Curriculum Does Our School Use?

Our school uses the state-mandated curriculum that allows us to follow the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) for English/Language Arts, Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science.

What Test Will My Child be Taking?

The Georgia Milestones Assessment System will consist of both End of Grade (EOG) and End of Course (EOC) measures. Students in grades 3-8 achievement will be measured using EOG tests in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies. High school students' achievement will be measured using EOC tests in American Literature, Algebra 1, Biology, US History.

The FastBridge Assessments will be used in grades K-5.

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- Beginning Learners do not yet demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students *need substantial academic support* to be prepared for the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.
- Developing Learners demonstrate partial proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students *need additional academic support* to ensure success in the next grade level or course and to be on track for college and career readiness.
- Proficient Learners demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students are prepared for the next grade level or course and are on track for college and career readiness.
- Distinguished Learners demonstrate advanced proficiency in the knowledge and skills necessary at this grade level/course of learning, as specified in Georgia's content standards. The students *are well prepared* for the next grade level or course and are well prepared for college and career readiness.

What is ACCESS for ELLs 2.0? (Wida)

Our EL/Immigrant Students are tested using the Access Assessment

- An English language proficiency assessment for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12
- Given every year to students who are English language learners
- Monitors the English language development of students

WiDA Individual Student Report

- Score reports provide information on a student's progress in the development of English language proficiency.
- Proficiency level scores are reported from 1.0 (beginner) to 6.0 (advanced).



Sample Student

Individual Student Report 2017

This report provides information about the student's scores on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 English language proficiency test. This test is based on the WDA English Language Development Standards and is used to measure students' progress in learning English. Scores are reported as Language Proficiency Levels and as Scale Scores.

Language Domain	Proficiency Level (Possible1.0-6.0) 1 2 3 4 5 6	Scale Score Provide 100-600 and Confidence Band See Interpretive Guide for Score Reports for definitions 100 200 300 400 500 600
Listening	4.0	368
Speaking	2.2	320
Reading 🚺	3.4	356
Writing	3.5	355
Oral Language 50% Listening + 50% Speaking	3.2	344
Literacy 50% Reading + 50% Writing	3.5	356
Comprehension 70% Reading + 30% Listening	3.7	3 <u>60</u>
Overall* 35% Reading + 35% Writing + 15% Listening + 15% Speaking	3.4	352

*Overall score is calculated only when all four domains have been assessed. NA: Not available

Domain	Proficiency Level	Students at this level generally can		
		understand oral language in English related to specific topics in school and can participate in class discussions, for		
Listening	4	Exchange information and ideas with others Connect people and events based on oral information	Apply key information about processes or concepts presented orally Identify positions or points of view on issues in oral discussions	
Speaking 2	communicate ideas and information orally in English using language that contains short sentences and everyday words and phrases, for example:			
	2	Share about what, when, or where something happened Compare objects, people, pictures, events	Describe steps in cycles or processes Express opinions	
		understand written language related to common topics in school and can participate in class discussions, for exar		
Reading	3	Classify main ideas and examples in written information Identify main information that tells who, what, when or where something happened	Identify steps in written processes and procedures Recognize language related to claims and supporting evidence	
		communicate in writing in English using language related to common topics in school, for example:		
Writing	3	Describe familiar issues and events Create stories or short narratives	Describe processes and procedures with some details Give opinions with reasons in a few short sentences	

For details regarding the scores on this report, refer to the Interpretive Guide for Score Reports at www.wida.us/scorereport

Georgia's Alternative Assessment 2.0 (GAA)

What is the GAA 2.0?

The Georgia Alternate Assessment 2.0 (GAA 2.0) is designed to ensure that students with significant cognitive disabilities are provided access to the state academic content standards and given the opportunity to demonstrate achievement of the knowledge, concepts, and skills inherent in the standards.

The Georgia Standards of Excellence and Extended Content Standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities drive the curriculum, instructional strategies, and assessment.

The GAA 2.0 will be administered to all eligible students in the following areas:

- Grades K, 3-8, and 11 will be assessed in English Language Arts and Mathematics.
- Grades 5, 8, and 11 will also be assessed in Science and Social Studies.
- One-on-one assessment answered through the student's mode of communication.
- 11 questioned (3 parts per question)

The Four Achievement Levels for the GAA 2.0.

- Level 1: Students at this level demonstrate a limited understanding of the knowledge and skills specified in Georgia's alternate academic content standards. They are actively working with adapted grade-level content that focuses on essential knowledge and skills and may need substantial academic support as they transition to the next grade/course, inclusive postsecondary education, or competitive integrated employment.
- Level 2: Students at this level demonstrate a partial understanding of the knowledge and skills specified in Georgia's alternate academic content standards. They are actively working with adapted grade-level content that focuses on essential knowledge and skills and may need frequent academic support as they transition to the next grade/course, inclusive postsecondary education, or competitive integrated employment.
- Level 3: Students at this level demonstrate an adequate understanding of the knowledge and skills specified in Georgia's alternate academic content standards. They are actively working with adapted grade-level content that focuses on essential knowledge and skills and may need occasional academic support as they transition to the next grade/course, inclusive postsecondary education, or competitive integrated employment.
- Level 4: Students at this level demonstrate a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills specified in Georgia's alternate academic content standards. They are actively working with adapted grade-level content that focuses on essential knowledge and skills and may need limited academic support as they transition to the next grade/course, inclusive postsecondary education, or competitive integrated employment.

How to access previous test performance, standards, and attendance?

 How to access previous test performance, standards, and attendance about my child using the <u>Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS)</u> through the school's parent portal.

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SLDS Help & Training	SLDS Parent Portal		
CLIP (Consolidated LEA Improvement Plan)		Open Educational Resources	Decourses
Counselor Companion/My Career Plan	Parents now have access to their children's SLDS data through the SLDS Parent Portal. The SLDS Parent Portal is accessible to parents directly through their district's student information system—that means no additional logins and passwords to remember!	Recent Updates	Resources
ELP Screener		School Improvement (SI) Dashboard	Parent Portal Flyer Spanish (PDF)
Georgia Learns PD	Benefits of the SLDS Parent Portal	SLDS Dashboard	Parent Portal Overview Document (PDF)
Georgia Student Growth Model	Using Georgia's SLDS Parent Portal helps parents answer the following	SLDS Parent Portal	Parent Portal User Guide (PDF)
Gifted Eligibility Form	questions:	SLDS Parent Portal	Downloading Georgia Student Growth Model Reports (Video)
High School Feedback Report	How can I talk to my child about how they are doing in school?.	TestPad	
IIS Dashboard (Data Analysis Tool)	How is my child doing in math and reading?How many school days has my child missed?	TKES/LKES (TLSD Electronic	Calua
Keenville	How does my child compare to other students?	Platform)	Setup
Lexile Framework	Training Conton for Devente		Enabling the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus (PDF) (for district SIS Coordinators
Local Assessment	Training Center for Parents sids.gadoe.org/Parent		Auto-enabling the Parent Portal in PowerSchool (PDF) (for district SIS Coordinators)
LOR (Learning Object Repository)	slds.gadoe.org/Student		

Our School has a Title-I School-Wide Program

A School-Wide program uses **Title I funds to develop and** maintain quality educational services in the core academic areas in order to raise academic achievement for all students at the school.

How is Title I Parent Engagement Money Spent?

Funding

1% of federal funds are allocated for parent involvement

- Instructional and academic resources for Parent Resource Center/Section
- Instructional Resources for student support
- Parent and Family Engagement Workshops and activities
- Light Refreshments for Parent Workshops and activities

What is Required by law for Parent and Family Engagement?

District's Parent and Family Engagement Policy

• The District's Parent Involvement Policy-Establishes the district's expectations for parental involvement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen district and parent partnerships.

School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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 School-Parent Compact
- An agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students receive the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level academic standards.

Does my child's teacher meet Professional Qualifications?

Parents Right To Know

• Parents' Right to Know Under ESEA-a parent has the right to know the following information:

The qualifications of the school staff providing instruction to their child.
Their child's level of achievement in each state academic assessment.
Whether their child has been assigned to or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher of a core academic subject who is not highly qualified.



Parents!!!!!!



What is Parent and Family Engagement?

Parent and Family Engagement is the participation of parents in a regular, twoway, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and school activities. Parent and Family **Engagement is a requirement of the Title** I program. We welcome and encourage all parents and families to be actively involved in our school.

Title I Parent And Family Engagement

Purpose

To improve student achievement in reading, ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies by providing parents and family members the resources needed to support their child's education.

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Activities

August 17, 2023 - Annual Parent Orientation 6:00 p.m.

SSE Staff will provide a Title I overview, how Title I funding is allocated, and an overview of the Title I Parent Involvement Plan and activities.

September 15, 2023 - Early Release for Parent Conferences

Teachers will be available for parent conferences and provide resources to promote student achievement.

October 5, 2023 - Family Literacy Night – 6:00 p.m.

Students and parents will rotate through several grade specific reading focused activities. Each activity will focus an aspect of reading specific to their grade level.

January 25, 2024 - Family Math Night – 6:00 p.m.

Students and parents will practice activities that increase math skills. Parents and students will be given an opportunity to produce a math game related to grade level standards to enhance student achievement.

February 2, 2024 - Early Release for Parent Conferences

Teachers will be available for parent conferences and provide resources to promote student achievement.

March 14, 2024 - Annual Stakeholder's Input Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Parents and stakeholders will provide feedback about the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Program and components.

Parent Connect

Visit our Parent Connect Canvas Page to receive various tools and resources to help support your child's learning.

An informed, engaged, and supportive family plays an instrumental role in a student's academic success. The Newton County School Systems supports families in partnerships with schools, district, and the community in the quest of achieving academic success for all students. It is our hope that this page will provide valuable information and resources to engage you as an active partner. Visit our Parent Connect Canvas Page to receive various tools and resources to help support your child's learning.

Volunteer Opportunities

- 1. Ask your child's teacher how you can donate your time.
- 2. Participate in Career Day.
- 3. Be a guest reader.
- 4. Volunteer at the Book Fair.
- 5. Principal's Council
- 6. PTA

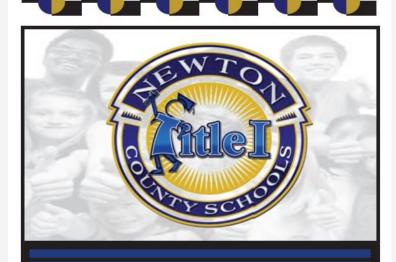
Parent Decision Making Opportunities

- 1. Parent/Stakeholders Input Meetings
 - Primary
 - Secondary
- 2. Parent Conferences
- 3. Classroom Observations
- 4. Parent Feedback on meeting evaluations
- 5. Annual Parent and Family Engagement Survey

Parent and Students Information Handbooks

Let's Take A Look at our School's Handbook. It is located on our website under Title 1.

- 1. Title I Brochure
- 2. District's Parent and Family Engagement
- 3. School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- 4. School-Parent Compact
- 5. Parent Resource Room Information
- 6. Parent Conference Tips/Handout
- 7. Parent's Right to Know Letter
- 8. Complaint Procedures
- 9. Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption Policy
- 10. Occupational Survey
- 11. Homeless Brochure



NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM TITLE I PARENT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

South Salem Elementary School

2023 - 2024 Dr. Lenise Bostic, Principal



Family Engagement Policies

These describe the policies for Newton County Schools and South Salem Elementary related to family engagement. They are located in the Title 1 handbook.

Newton County School System Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2023-2024 Revised May 31, 2023 2109 Newton Drive Covington, GA 30014 www.newtoncountyschools.org



What is Family Engagement?

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:

(A) That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning

(B) That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education

(C) 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

(D) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

About the Parent and Family Engagement Policy

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, the Newton County School System (NCSS) has developed this parent and family engagement policy that establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in the district's Title I schools. This plan will describe NCSS's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy

school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive family engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve parents and family members in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1116, the NCSS will work with its Title I schools to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement policies meet the requirements of Section 1116(b) and each include, as a component, a schoolparent compact consistent with Section 1116(d) of the PCC A



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School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What it is?

South Salem Elementary School 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.

How is it developed?

A stakeholders' input meeting was held in the spring seeking input for this policy, our school-parent compact, the district 's Parent & Family Engagement Policy ,the parental involvement budget, our Title I Schoolwide Plan, ways to build staff capacity, and the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan. South Salem Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and distribute hard copies to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our Stakeholder's Input meeting in the spring. Additionally, a Parent Involvement Survey is given annually and results of this survey are used in the revision of this plan. The policy is located in the front office and the parent resource section of the media center. All feedback gathered will be used to revise the plan for next school year.

Who is it for?

All students attending South Salem Elementary and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. South Salem Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The policy is sent home to all parents along with the school parent compact at the beginning of the school year. It is available in both English and Spanish. In addition it is located on the South Salem Elementary school website in English and Spanish . A paper copy can also be provided to parents upon request.

School-Parent Compact

This was sent home with your child. Please make sure to sign and return it. Parents, students and teachers will share responsibility for improved academic achievement.



School-Parent Compact South Salem Elementary School School Year 2023-2024 Revised 4/28/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

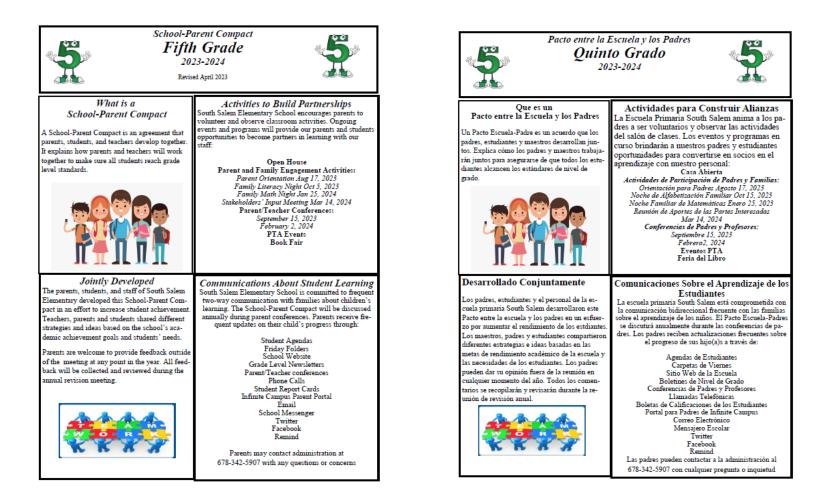
South Salem Elementary students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the challenging State academic standards. Please review the attached School-Parent Compact.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Parent Compact. Once signed, please return the form to your child's teacher and keep the School-Parent Compact as a reminder of your commitment. The School-Parent Compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at different school-family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!

Sincerely,		
Lenise Bostic		
Principal		
Teachers Signature:	Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:	
Student Signature:	Date:	

School-Parent Compact (Grade Levels)

Each grade level has a compact. These are located in the handbook, and also on our website.



WASTE, FRAUD, ABUSE AND CORRUPTION Policy

This policy describes the acts of suspicious waste, fraud, abuse and/or corruption activity. The Newton County Office of Federal Programs ensures employees, clients (parents, students, etc.) and providers of confidential channels to report any said activities.

All reports of suspicious waste, fraud, abuse and/or corruption activity will be handled under the strictest confidentiality. Only those directly involved in the investigation will be given information. Informants may remain anonymous but will be encouraged to cooperate with the investigators and provide as much detail and evidence of alleged fraudulent act as possible.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Any individual, organization or agency ("complaint") may file a complaint with the Newton County School System (NCSS) if that individual, organization or agency believes and alleges that the NCSS is violating a Federal statute or regulation. The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one (1) year prior to the date that the complaint is received, unless a longer period is reasonable because the violation is considered systemic or ongoing.

Copyright Piracy

Parents, as a reminder, Copyright infringement is the use of works protected by **copyright** law without permission, infringing certain exclusive rights granted to the **copyright** holder, such as the right to reproduce, distribute, display or perform the protected work, or to make derivative works.

Piracy or Intellectual Property refers to the ownership rights of materials, created, written, designed or expressed by individuals. These materials include music, games, movies, photos, and writing. Illegally downloading or sharing intellectual property without the permission of the creator is a crime punishable by law.

http://www.copyrightkids.org/

Responding To Parents

We value our students and parents. It is our desire to provide prompt attention to any concerns and questions you may have. Your input and feedback is appreciated at all times. Feel free to contact us at any time.

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