

Sequoyah Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2022 - 2023 School Year

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What is Title I?

Sequoyah Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act 2015 (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 Sequoyah Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Sequoyah Middle 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 Sequoyah Middle 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? (Face-to-Face & Virtually)

Sequoyah Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Policy, 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.

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. Sequoyah Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, homelessness, or families in transition and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will place a copy of the plan in the front office and in the new enrollment packets. The plan will also be posted on the school website and parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2022-2023 District Goals

By the end of the 2023 school year, Clayton County Public Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and or Distinguished levels on the Georgia Milestone Assessments (GMAS) by at least 3 percentage points in each content area.

2022-2023 School Goals

To reach the district goals, by the end of the 2023 school year, Sequoyah Middle School will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and or Distinguished levels on the Georgia Milestone Assessment (GMAS) by at least 3 percentage points in each content area.

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, Sequoyah Middle School 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 School-Parent Compact is shared with parents at parent-teacher conferences and kept with teachers if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Sequoyah Middle School 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. All meetings for parents and family members will be held at various times during the day, evening, face-to-face and virtually.

Open House – August 2022

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Input Meetings – September, October, & November 2022

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

Annual Title I Meeting – September 2022

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, The Schoolwide Plan, The School-Parent Compact, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

Coffee & Conversation w/Your School Administrators – Last Wednesday of each month

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 2022 - Ongoing

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

ESOL Workshop – October 2022

This workshop is designed to help families understand school culture and procedures and improve communication between ESOL teachers, conventional teachers, and parents.

Taste of Curriculum Night (Math/Science/Language Arts/Social Studies) – March 2023

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics. Learn how to make math fun at home.

Parent Academy Workshops – Weekly/Monthly/Ongoing

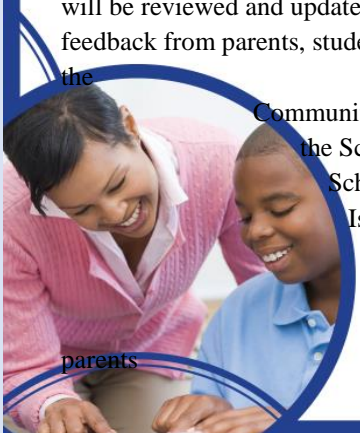
Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

Parent Appreciation – April 2023

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

School Forum – May 2023

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.



Parent & Family Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center located in room 208 to check out books, study materials, and hands on manipulatives to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Sequoyah Middle 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.

Sequoyah 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 childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Sequoyah Middle Warriors Forever!

Sequoyah Middle School 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-Council 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

Sequoyah Middle School and our parents have adopted the Six Types of Parental Engagement for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model for engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Volunteering
2. Communicating
3. Learning at Home
4. Decision Making
5. Parenting
6. Collaborating with Community

Warriors Forever!!!

Sequoyah invites all parents to join the School Council Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity, meetings, and through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at (770)515-7524 or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office.



School Community Team

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Council Team.
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the School Council 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 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:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

