South Hall Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

South Hall Middle 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 South Hall MS will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. SHMS values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The plan describes the different ways that SHMS 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?

South Hall Middle School invited all parents to attend our Parent and Family Engagement Input Meeting held 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 through 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 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. SHMS 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 can be found on our school website, and a hard copy will be in our front office. As a reminder, we will email the plan to all parents before the scheduled meeting as well as send out Parent Square reminders. Parents may also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Liaison Office.

District Goals 2026-2027

Goal 1: By the end of FY27, the overall CCRPI score for HCSD will increase by 2 points from the previous year's overall score, demonstrating measurable improvement in school performance across content mastery, progress, closing gaps, and readiness.
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School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, SHMS and our families will develop a school-parent compact which is an agreement that the parents, teachers, and student will work together to make sure all our students reach grade level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback.

Get Connected!

SHMS 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. Selected meetings for parents and family members will be held twice during the day—once in the morning and once in the evening.

Open House for ALL Grades—August 4, 2026 @ 4 pm—7 pm**
Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff.

Annual Title I Meeting—October 5, 2026 @ 9:00 AM/5:30PM
You are invited to learn about our school's Title I Program including our parent involvement policy and budget, the school-wide plan, the School Parent Compact and parent requirements.

Fall Festival —October 20, 2026 @ 5:00-7:00 PM
Come to the school learn about our curriculum standards, types of technology available for your student, and take a look at our literacy and math initiatives in this fun Back to School Bash.

Cookies and Books with Santa - December 8, 2026 – 5:30-7:00 PM
Parents are invited to join us in our building for a night of Showcases. We will have fine arts, drama, chorus, and band on display. Connections classes will showcase student work on this night as well. Parents will be exposed to curriculum used in each area.

Sixth Grade Student Led Conference Nights - February 8, 2027, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Enjoy snacks and a conference led by your son or daughter. Students will share what they are working on in each class, the types of technology available for their use, and how they are progressing in our literacy and math initiatives. Students will share their progress monitoring folder and discuss performance for the year.

Title I Parent and Family Input Meeting—March 23, 2027 @ 9:00 AM (In person) / 5:00 PM (Zoom)
Review and offer feedback regarding our school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Parent Compact, Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Parent and Family Engagement Budget, and the School Improvement Plan.

Parent and Family Engagement

SHMS 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

SHMS is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

770-532-4416

SOUTH HALL KNIGHTS

SHMS is Reaching OUT!

SHMS 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 newsletter for all families.
- Staff will participate in Canvas professional development modules at least four times per year to educate themselves on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- 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 website 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.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school- wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, flyers, and newsletter posts.
- 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 learning.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meeting, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve achievement.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events 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

SHMS and our Parent Groups go by these standards 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

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 IC Parent Portal and explore our educational resources.

Monday-Friday, 8:00-3:30

SHMS invites all parents to join the School Community 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 activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at 770-532-4416 or complete the interest form leave it in the Parent Liaison Office.

School Community Team

- ❏ Yes, I am excited about joining the School Community Team
- ❏ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School Community Team
- ❏ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

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 regarding this plan and the students' or 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)_____

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