



South Lake Elementary School

Title I Family Engagement Plan: 2022-23

South Lake Elementary School supports the involvement of all parents/families. It is our belief that the education of our children is a shared responsibility. We believe that when parents are involved, students will be more successful. In this policy, “parent” is intended to include parents, guardians, and other family members involved in supervising the child’s schooling. Your input on our School Improvement Plan, Home School Compact, Parent Engagement Plan, the Title I parent involvement budget and how staff can work with families as equal partners is important to our success. You can share your ideas by participating on the School Improvement Team, Family Engagement Committee, and/or completing parent surveys. **If you would like to be a part of our teams, or have any questions or comments about any of the documents, please contact:**

Parent Community Coordinators

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Community School Liaison

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We carry out the requirements for Title I schools in the following ways:



General Requirements

- South Lake involves parents with determining how family involvement funds are spent by gathering feedback during monthly parent cafe meetings. Survey questions and after meeting evaluations to provide topics for future meetings
- South Lake parents are involved in the development, review, and improvement of the school’s school improvement plan, parent engagement plan and school-parent compact throughout the year.
 - ◆ Daily phone calls to parents(providing resources and supports)
 - ◆ Before and after school parent contact in person
- South Lake will distribute the Parent Engagement plan electronically through the following social media platforms; class dojo, ConnectED, school website.
- South Lake will hold an annual Title I meeting on **September 27, 2022 during the Parent Cafe** to provide information about the Title I program, parental rights, and the important role parents play in their children’s education. Information will also be posted on the school website.
- South Lake gathers parents’ comments and feedback about the Schoolwide Plan (SIP) at the parent cafe. Meeting notes and evaluation are shared with MCPS Title I.
- South Lake provides timely information about school programs on a daily basis via class dojo, ConnectEd and school website



Building Capacity

- South Lake provides a presentation, one-on-one support and video explanations during parent cafes to help parents to understand the assessments used to measure academic progress, the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, how to monitor child’s progress, and how to work with educators to improve achievement of their children.
- South Lake teachers, reading specialists and staff development teachers work closely with parent community coordinators to support families and help parents improve their children’s academic achievement during parent training in person/virtual and on new platforms and create “How to” videos to support technology needs.



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- South Lake staff will provide resources for parents and the community to support new initiatives.
- South Lake provides staff training around culturally responsive parent conferences during leadership and staff meetings to work with parents as equal partners.
- South Lake works closely with the following community partners to support parent engagement.
 - ◆ Linkages to Learning
 - ◆ Action in Montgomery (AIM)
 - ◆ Multiple Faith Based Organizations
 - ◆ GBCI with Asbury Community for mentorship program
 - ◆ Youth Arts Movement with Arts on the Block for afterschool program
 - ◆ Maryland Soccerplex with SAM Soccer after school program
 - ◆ Upcounty hub
 - ◆ Excel Beyond the Bell
 - ◆ Capital Area Food Bank
 - ◆ Neediest Kids



Accessibility

- All communication to parents is shared in English, Spanish and French in the following formats:
 - ◆ Electronic Formats: Class Dojo Connect Ed messages at least every Sunday, school website
 - ◆ Bi-weekly newsletter
 - ◆ Text messages to families using google voice
- South Lake has the following childcare opportunities:
 - ◆ Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB)- South Lake ES. October 3rd-January 29th daily from 3:30-6:30 PM
- South Lake will offer evening virtual and in person meetings.
- South Lake will offer transportation from community for families to participate in evening math and reading nights
- South Lake offers a flexible number of meetings to enable increased participation by families:

Parent and Family Engagement Events/Activities 2022-2023		
When/How	Meetings/Events	Details
Quarterly	Parent Cafe	Discuss upcoming school events, learn reading and math strategies to support children Topics Include: testing, ELD, literacy and math
Monthly	Community Empowerment Circles	This is an opportunity to share concerns, ideas and provide feedback to PTA and brainstorm how to best support parents at South Lake.
Monthly	Parent Workshops	Engage in learning about technology, instructional platforms and academic strategies to support your child's learning experience
December 2023	Math Night	Engage in fun math learning activities



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January 2023	Reading Night	Engage in fun reading learning activities
Quarterly	International Night, Hispanic Heritage Night, Black History Night	Families are invited to celebrate cultures by participating in reading nights, cooking classes. listening to guest speakers and community building activities in a virtual setting
Monthly	Market Day	Partner with Capital Area Food Bank to provide fresh produce in a market style event for the community
2 meetings per year (Fall & Spring)	Parent Engagement Meeting (New Comers families)	Parent support and resources for parents/ guardians and students.