**School Information**

***Stewart County Elementary School Parental Involvement Policy***

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**What is Title I?**

**Stewart County Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parental Involvement Policy.**

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?**

The Parental Involvement Policy describes how Stewart County Elementary school will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Stewart County Elementary school values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parental Involvement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

**How is it developed?**

Stewart County Elementary school welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parental Involvement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parental Involvement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Stewart County Elementary school also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parental Involvement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**Who is it for?**

All parents at Stewart County Elementary school are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parental Involvement Policy. Stewart County Elementary school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?**

 At the beginning of the year, the Parental Involvement Policy is included in the student Title I packet given out to all students. As a reminder, Stewart County Elementary school will provide another copy to parents at the Title I Annual Parent Meeting. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parental Involvement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school and on the school’s website.

**District Goals & School Goals**

The percentage of students scaring proficient or higher will meet or exceed state average in Mathematics as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment administered in Spring of 2015.

The percentage of students scaring proficient or higher will meet or exceed state average in the areas of ELA as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment administered in Spring of 2015.

**Parental Involvement Program and Activities at Stewart County Elementary School**

Stewart County Elementary school will host the following events, workshops, and activities to build parent capacity and increase student academic achievement. All parents will be invited in the following ways: Invitations will be sent home, placed on the school’s website, on the marquee board, and sent to the local newspapers

**Title I Annual Parent Meeting (August 2014):**

Evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including: Parental Involvement Policy, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the parents’ requirements.

**Title I Curriculum Night – Common Core / Standards (October 2014):**

Come meet your child’s teacher and visit the classroom for some important information. This will also be a great time to meet other faculty and staff members.

**Title I Parent Engagement Activity: “Parent Portal 101 ( Technology” (October 2014)**

Learn helpful information on Parent Portal

**Title I Parent Engagement Activity: National Parent Involvement Day (November 2014)**

Learn ways to assist your child with the new Georgia Milestones Test and Give strategies on math and ELA skills at home.

**Title I Parent Engagement Activity: “Strategies on Home Work Tips / Parent Conferences” (January 2015)**

Does your child need help with math, reading, science, comprehension, etc.? Learn Home workshop Strategies to help your students at home. Also The Parent Resource Room has items that are available for check-out to use at home with your child.

**Title I Curriculum Night –Math & Science Night (February 2015)**

Parents and Students explore Math & Science Stations supplied by RESA.

**Title I Curriculum Night –Social Studies Night (March 2015)**

Parents and Students explore Social Studies Stations created by Teachers

**Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact Revision meetings (May 2015)**

This is a great way for parents to be involved

**Switching Tracks: Transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten (May 2015)**

**Switching Tracks: Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School (May 2015)**

What is a School-Parent Compact?

As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, Stewart County Elementary school and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The School-Parent Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Area/Room. A copy will also be kept with each child’s teacher if parents need a copy.

**What is Parental Involvement?**

Stewart County Elementary school believes that Parental Involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement.

Stewart County Elementary school believes:

* Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
* Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education.
* Parents are full partners in their child’s education and included in the decision-making of their child’s education

**Assistance to Title I**

Effective parental involvement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. Stewart County Elementary school is committed to helping our parents by maintaining a Parent Resource Area/Room for parents to check out materials to use at home with their child. Please contact Mrs. Cherrika Ashford (at 229-838-4329 x 112) if you need assistance.

**School Measures to Provide Required Assistance**

Stewart County Elementary school will take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

* Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in English, posted on the school’s website, included in monthly newsletters, and posted on school’s marquee
* Conduct staff development once a year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
* Partner with Head Start, Pre-K programs, daycares to share information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten.
* Share information in English in the school’s newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools’ academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child’s progress.
* Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities, through Connect-Ed, marquee, newsletters, flyers, and school’s website.
* Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home
* Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
* Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school
* Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.