



Isle of Hope PK-8 School

Family Engagement Policy 2019-2020



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What is Title 1?

Isle of Hope School is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title 1 is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop a written family engagement policy with all parents. 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 1, Part A provided for meaningful family engagement at every level of the program, such as the development and implementation of the school plan, and adherence to the district and school improvement requirements. Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary requirements for schools and school systems to engage families in their children's education.



Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a policy that describes how Isle of Hope School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. This policy describes the different ways that Isle of Hope School 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?

Isle of Hope School invited all parents to attend our annual Family Forum in the spring to review and revise this Family Engagement Policy, as well as the school improvement plan, our family/parent-school compacts, the 1% family engagement budget and staff training. This policy is posted on our school's website for parents to view and to submit feedback throughout the year. Isle of Hope School shares the responsibility with families and students for improved academic achievement by jointly developing and revising the plan by including feedback from the Family Forum, student feedback, teacher reflections, annual evaluation survey and 1% family engagement budget survey.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title 1, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this policy, including parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. In August, the school will convene the Annual Title I Meeting to inform families of the requirements of Title I, the school's participation, and the parent's right to be involved. A flexible number of meetings (at a minimum two) will be offered to families with child care and transportation provided, if necessary.

Where is it available?

The policy can be found on the Title 1 Page located on our school's website. A copy of the policy will be distributed to parents in August using the students' weekly communication folders. A hard copy is also available in our parent center.



2019-2020 District Goals

STRATEGIC GOAL 1: TO ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

- A. To increase the percentage of students who have mastered the skill sets (whole child development) necessary to be successful upon entering Kindergarten through second grade
- B. To increase the number of students who are powerfully literate, mathematically fluent, and effective problem solvers in grades 2 through 8
- C. To increase the number of students meeting high school graduation requirements necessary to be successful as they continue their education at the post-secondary level and/or enter the workforce

2019-2020 School Goals

Decrease the number of students in grades K-8 scoring Below Basic on MAP Math from 37% in Spring 2019 to 34% by Spring 2020.

Increase the % of students, grades 3-8, scoring 2 or higher on the ELA portion of GMAS.

Increase May 2019 CCRPI academic achievement score by 3%, based on GMAS for grades 3-5 by May 2020.

Family/Parent-School Compacts

As part of this policy, Isle of Hope School and our families will develop a family/parent-school 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 State Academic Standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers collected at the Family Forum and Annual Evaluation Survey. Compacts will be sent home with students in August. Parents will keep the compact at home, while the teacher keeps a parent signature page on file at school. Compacts will be utilized at parent-teacher conferences.

Let's Get Together!

Isle of Hope School will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Events will be scheduled on various days of the week, with some events having morning and evening sessions.

September 10- Title I Annual Parent Meeting
9:00 am and 12:00 pm

October 29 - Trunk-or-Treat

November 18-22 - Week of Thanks

December - Winter Concert (date TBD)

February- Math Night

March - Kindergarten Orientation (date TBD)
Ninth Grade Transition (date TBD)

March 12- Parent Forum
9:00 am and 12:00 pm

May - Spring Concert (date TBD)
STEAM Day (date TBD)

**Event/workshop dates may be subject to change.*

***Families/Parents may request meetings on various topics which will be addressed as possible through the existing schedule or by additional times and dates*

****Families will be notified of all events at least two weeks in advance.*



Isle of Hope School Family Resource Center

Come visit the IOH Family Resource Center to check out books, study materials, games and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for families to explore the Parent Portal and other online educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 2:00pm

Please contact our Parent Community Relations Specialist, Emily Holland, if you need to use the Family Resource Center after hours.

Emily.holland@sccpss.com or call 912-395-6554



Family Engagement

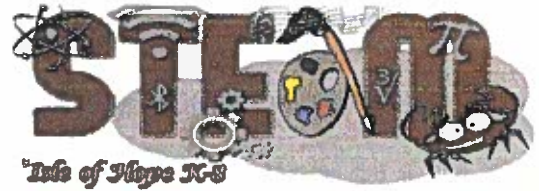
Family Engagement means the participation of parents or other family members, in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring that:

- (A) families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- (C) families 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



Action Team: Parents and community members meet with designated staff throughout the year to work together to connect family and community involvement with school improvement goals.

Dr. Lawrence Butler, principal of Isle of Hope K8 school, will submit to the district Title I office via email any comments of parents who feel the school improvement plan is not satisfactory.



IOH is moving full STEAM ahead!

Isle of Hope School will take the following measures to promote and support families 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 family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in a language families (including EL families) can understand, posted on the school web site, texts, social media and included in newsletters for all families.
- Coordinate with various community programs by conducting joint meetings for families and sending school information about family engagement activities to help prepare families and their children for school transitions at all grade levels especially kindergarten and high school. This includes PTA, Title III, Title II, and Isle of Hope Methodist Church.
- Share information with families about the school's academic standards (Georgia Standards of Excellence) and assessments (Georgia Milestones and MAP) as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress, and work with educators.
- Specific training and resources will be provided to assist parents with grade level homework help, improving reading and math skills. Curriculum shared will include Balanced Literacy and Eureka Math.
- Collect feedback from families at all events and post email contact info for family suggestions on the school website in order to respond to families' requests for additional support for family engagement activities.
- Teachers, special instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders with the assistance of families, will be training each semester in the value and utility of contributions of families, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with families as equal partners. Additionally, they will be trained on how to implement and coordinate family programs that build ties between home and school.

Operation Beacon: all volunteers are required to go through this screening process for the safety of the students.