

Snow Hill Elementary School
Title I School Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2019-2020



Learning and Growing Together

At Snow Hill Elementary School, we are committed to providing the best possible education for each and every child in our care. We recognize the importance of parent and family members' perspectives regarding academic achievement and the educational experiences of our students. Therefore, our goal is to build a community of collaboration and partnerships with our parents/guardians. In order to accomplish this goal, the Parent and Family Engagement team and Parent and Family Advisory Council will regularly meet and discuss ways to strengthen family, school, and community connections in order to provide students with the opportunity to achieve success in their educational experiences.

I. Parental Input

At SHES, we encourage parents and family members to be involved in the planning, reviewing, and improvement of the Parent Engagement Plan, the compact, and the budget through several avenues:

- Our Title I Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet in June and January of this year to develop, revise, and improve the Parent Engagement Plan, the Parent-School Compact, the budget, and the implementation of all Parent Engagement activities.
- Title I Annual Review Meetings are open to all family members and will be held at least two times a year.
- School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meets five times a year in September, October, November, March, and April. Family members are selected and invited to attend.
- Family members are provided with a copy of the SHES School Level Parent Engagement Plan in the SHES Student Handbook and on our school website.
- Family members are encouraged to provide input and suggestions through surveys, Class DoJo, our website, email, parent/teacher conferences, evaluations, and at Title I Annual Meetings.

II. Workshops and Trainings for Parents to Support Academic Achievement

In order to provide opportunities for academic success for all students, we will provide authentic, relevant, and meaningful opportunities for parents and family members to better understand curriculum initiatives, the Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards (MCCRS) and assessments, the requirements of Title I, and ways to further support the learning process in several ways:

- Back to School Bash
- Lights on for Literacy
- Math Game Night
- Community Reading Night

- Literacy Carnival
- Title I Compact Day
- Science is Alive
- Technology Night
- Summer Care Campout
- Haven House After School Program
- Judy Center Family Events
- One School One Book Club
- Raising a Reader Events
- CARE After School Academy

III. Professional Development for Faculty to Work with Families as Equal Partners in their Child's Educational Processes

- Analyze data from Title I Parent Engagement Surveys to identify suggestions for professional development topics for faculty and staff on how to communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.
- SHES Parent and Family Advisory Committee, which is comprised of parents, guardians, and educators will discuss ideas for Professional Development, Parent and Family Engagement events, and further ways to support communication and partnerships between home and school.
- Title I Specialist meets regularly with faculty members to plan and review Parent Engagement events.

IV. Accommodations for All Family Programs

- Parent and Family Engagement events will be carefully scheduled based on parent feedback on surveys and evaluations in order to better accommodate various schedules.
- Interpreters will be provided as needed for families who speak English as a Second Language at home OR for parents/guardians who may have a hearing/speaking disability
- Childcare will be provided as needed
- Refreshments will be provided where applicable
- Transportation will be provided for attending Parent Engagement meetings (Transportation concerns can be arranged only if a parent provides written request within 48 hours of a specified meeting).

V. Parent Communication

Consistent communication between home and school is vital for academic success; therefore, we will provide information about Title I, the school, and student achievement to all parents in a timely manner, and in a language parents can understand, through:

- Eagle Express, flyers, email, signup.com, Class Dojo, Parent Handbook, and SHES Facebook page, SHES Twitter, and School Messenger.
- School website (www.snowhillelem.org)
- Parent Resource Center located in the lobby of our school
- PowerSchool (grades 2-3)
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Annual Title I, SIAC, and Parent Advisory Committee Meetings

If the Parent and Family Engagement Plan is not satisfactory, please submit any comments on the lines below or contact Kristina Belcher at klbelcher@worcesterk12.org
