

**Sawyer Road Elementary School**  
**Title I School**  
**Parent Involvement Policy**  
**2015-2016**

Sawyer Road Elementary is a School wide Title I Program. Sawyer Road Elementary has jointly developed this policy and compact with our parents to describe how we will support the important role of parents in the education of their children. In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that Facility can serve as a proxy for the parent (s). At Sawyer Road Elementary, we build capacity for parent/community involvement by implementing the six types of involvement: Parenting, Communications, Parent Volunteering, Learning at Home, Decision-making and Governance, and Collaboration and Exchanges in the Community. This policy will be distributed by mass mailing.

Based on the requirements of Title I NCLB, Section 1118 and the needs identified by our parents and school staff surveys, we will provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities at our parent's request. The following strategies were outlined:

**I. An annual Title I information session and other flexible scheduled meetings will be held throughout the school year. These meetings will cover the following information:**

- a. Title I Programs
- b. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)/School Improvement Status
- c. Parent's right to know about Teacher and Paraprofessional qualifications
- d. Parent Information Workshops & Parent volunteering
- e. National Education Goals
- f. School policies and procedures
- g. School curriculum
- h. Student assessments
- i. Technology
- j. Local and State assessments
- k. State content standards
- l. Transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten, elementary to middle school.

**II. Parents will receive information from our school in their child's home language in a timely manner. Sawyer Road Elementary uses the following communication methods to provide parents with timely information:**

• **Written Communication**

- a. Newsletter/Flyers are a written form of communication that is used to make announcements and give information. Information is transported through our Thursday Star Report Folder.

• **Phone**

- a. All staff at Sawyer Road Elementary has access to phones and voicemail. This allows staff to receive and return messages in a timely manner. In addition, Sawyer Road Elementary uses a telephone messaging system whenever parents need to receive announcements about school happenings.

• **Computers**

- a. All staff at Sawyer Road Elementary has access to e-mail. This allows staff to have an additional method for receiving and providing communication with parents. Sawyer Road Elementary also has a website that is updated on a monthly basis, or more frequently as needed. In addition, each classroom teacher has their own classroom website providing

information about classroom activities, curriculum, assignments, and resources for parents. The school parent liaison sends home a monthly calendar of events which is used as an additional form of informing parents about the school. The principal sends home one monthly newsletter for reading, math and science.

- b. SRE SCOOP goes home electronically once a week. It highlights the events for the upcoming week and suggests helpful tips.

- **School Governance Team**

- a. The School Governance Team meetings are designed to meet monthly and provide parent input and representation in the decision making process of pertinent school related priorities. School Governance Team meetings aim to provide parents with the resources and materials they need to become more effectively involved in their children's education.

- **Parent Ambassadors Program**

- a. Parent Ambassadors serve as an additional method of communication between school and families. Parent Ambassadors may perform different tasks with the main goal of providing information about the school to parents.

- **SRE Men's Group: All Pro Dads**

- a. The SRE's All Pro Dads meet monthly and is comprised of dads of Sawyer Road students and is led by a father who founded the group. They perform various tasks to enhance and preserve the school and grounds.

### **III. We encourage all families to be education partners in their children's school success by:**

- a. Inviting parents to attend all meetings through the Sawyer Road Elementary Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- b. Inviting parents to serve on committees such as the School Governance Team, School Improvement Planning Committee, Playground Committee, Parent Policy/Compact Action Planning Committee, and the PTA.
- c. Providing meetings held during the school day and outside school hours. These dates and times are listed in the Sawyer Road Elementary Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- d. Parent Ambassadors Program

### **IV. Parents will be provided information on school performance and student's individual assessments:**

- a. Information on school performance is sent home in Thursday Star Report Folders. Additional copies are available at the front desk.
- b. The results of Georgia Milestone and MAP will be shared with parents.
- c. Class test scores and grades may also be found on Aspen website on our system website.
- d. Two Parent-Teacher Conferences a year will be held to further assist parents the opportunity to give input on how to work with their children. One of these conferences will be student-led.

### **V. Parents and community members will be given timely responses to their concerns and suggestions.**

- a. All concerns and suggestions submitted in writing or verbally are responded to in a timely manner. Concerns and suggestions regarding the School wide Plan will be submitted to the Title I Office. Information from parent surveys has resulted in the development of the Sawyer Road Elementary Parent Activities Plan.
- b. Administrative staff including Principal, Assistant Principal, Parent Liaison, PTA Presidents, and School Governance Team members are available to answer concerns.

### **VI. School Parent Compact**

- a. The parent compact was developed jointly with our parents, staff and students. All families, school staff, and students are asked to participate by signing the compact to show their support. The compact will be distributed via School/Home Communication Envelope (Starfish Report) and at the first Conference Week at Sawyer Road Elementary School.

## **VII. School and Community Partnership**

- a. Sawyer Road connects with students' homes by teachers, student service personnel, administration, and other staff by collecting ideas from parents on how to connect to, communicate with, and collaborate with parents as equal partners in educating their students.
- b. Our school partners with the local community. Our partners in education are listed below:
  - Marietta Church of God
  - Publix Supermarkets
  - Marietta Martial Arts
  - The Georgia Ballet
  - Georgia Wolf Trap Program, Alliance Theatre
  - Young Actors Theater
  - DOW Chemical
  - \*Chick-fil-A
  - \*Zaxby's
  - \*unofficial partners
- c. Our partners support our school in different ways:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Momentum Program with Georgia Ballet
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Momentum 2.0 Program with Georgia Ballet
  - Parents Support Groups
  - Donation of school resources/materials
  - Scholarships for uniforms shirts
  - Assist with artwork and decorations, videos and other projects requiring special equipment
  - Assist in school activities or sponsoring activities (gardening, woodworking, sports, drama, dancing)
  - Sponsor student attendance at plays
  - School Governance Team (DOW Chemical)
  - Marietta Community Schools Before and After School Programs
  - Girl Scouts of America- host Sawyer Road troops
  - Stevie B's, Chick-Fil-A, and Zaxby's Nights are fundraisers for PTA

### **Sawyer Road Elementary Title I Parent Activities- 2015-2015**

July 28 – Kindercamp for incoming Kindergarteners

August 4 – Sneak Peak

August 5 – Welcome New Parents Meeting 8:30 am

August 20 – Annual Title 1 Parent Information Meeting 6pm

August 20 – School Open House 7 pm

August 26 – iMOM at 7am

August 26 – Parent Volunteer Training: Media Center 8:30am  
September 4 – All Pro Dad at 7am  
September 4 – EIP Parent Make & Take 9:30 – 10:30  
September 4 – Parent Workshop: Renaissance Home Connect AR 11:30 -12:30pm  
September 10 – Spanish Coffee Talk at 8:30am  
September 22 ESOL Parent Night 6pm  
September 30 – iMOM Meeting 7:45 am  
October 2 – All Pro Dad at 7am + Parent Discussion Group  
October 8 – Spanish Coffee Talk at 8:30am  
October 13- Health Talk w/ Dr. Amber Landry, DC 11-12pm  
October 16 – Parent Workshop: Learning Odyssey  
October 28 –iMOM at 7:45am + Parent Discussion Group  
November 5 – Spanish Coffee Talk 8:30am  
November 6 – All Pro Dad at 7am  
November 13 – Parent Workshop: Online Resources 11am  
November 18 – iMOM Meeting at 7:45am  
December 3 – Spanish Coffee Talk at 8:30am  
December 11 – Parent Workshop: tbd  
December 16 – iMOM Meeting at 7:15 am  
January 14 – Spanish Coffee Talk at 8:30am  
January 15 – All Pro Dad at 7 am  
January 15 – EIP Parent Math Meeting  
January 22 – Parent Workshop: tbd  
January 27 – IMOM Meeting at 7:45 am  
February 5 – All Pro Dad at 7am  
February 24 – iMOM Meeting at 7:45 am  
March 4 – All Pro Dad at 7am + Parent Discussion Group  
March 30 – iMOM at 7:45 am + Parent Discussion Group  
April 27 – iMOM at 7:45 am  
May 6 – All Pro Dad at 7am  
May 18 – iMOM Meeting at 7:45am

Conference Week 10/28 – 10/2/2015  
Conference Week 5/7 -11/2016  
Marietta Essentials – To be scheduled