

Parent Involvement Policy

Spalding High School
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Commitment to Parent Involvement

The faculty and staff of Spalding High School are committed to student success and realize that in order to reach the goal of high achieving students, partnerships with parents is essential. Support and involvement from parents is reflected and outlined in the following parent involvement policy.

Staff Commitment and Orientation

Spalding High School provides a Title I orientation at the beginning of each school that presents and explains the following information:

- the value and usefulness of parent contributions to the success of their children
- strategies for communicating and working positively with parents as educational partners
- the process that led to the school becoming a Title I school
- the use of Title I funds to support parent involvement
- the school's plan will be reviewed with the staff to ensure that each staff member is aware of the many activities planned to involve parents in the academic success of their children

Parent Orientation

The following opportunities for parents to receive information concerning Title I programs will be provided:

- during Open House
- during the first PTSO meeting
- at one or more school council meetings
- curriculum night

The following information will be shared at these meetings:

- Explain the Title I program in Spalding High school
- Explain the No Child Left Behind Act (**NCLB**) and the Parent-Student-Teacher Compact
- Explain the parents' responsibility to support the school's efforts to educate their children as outlined in the pact
- Invite and encourage parents to use the resources available at the district resource center
- Explain the school's curriculum and mission statement to parents
- discuss the assessments given, expected proficiency levels for students, and explain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
- Give parents a list of workshops to be presented along with a survey requesting additional workshops parents would like to have added to the list
- Distribute the Title I fact sheet

Parent Programs

Our specific activities to improve meaningful parental involvement at Spalding High School will include:

- A parent involvement specialist will be available to provide activities and information for parents
- We will hold a Transition Camp for all rising 9th graders to familiarize these students and their parents with the school and what to expect upon entry into Spalding High School.
- We will hold End of Course & Georgia High School Graduation Test Parent Information meetings in an effort to engage parents and provide more knowledge to parents and students on keys to success on these critical exams.
- We will provide a calendar that includes all assessment dates, PTSO, and Title I Parent Workshops, which will be made available to parents and students.
- We will conduct academic awards programs designed to motivate parents to come out and celebrate the achievements of their students.
- We will distribute flyers to local businesses and partners in education to promote visibility for activities that will take place at Spalding High School in addition to continuing to utilize the school marquee for visibility.
- We will promote and provide financial aid workshops for seniors and their parents.

Communication to Parents

Spalding High School believes that effectively communicating with parents in a timely manner is essential to the academic success of all students. Information about school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are sent to parents, as much as possible, in a language the parent can understand. The following are some of the ways we disseminate information:

- Newsletters are sent to parents and provide information concerning school events, school accomplishments, and/or PTA meetings.
- Parent teacher conferences can be scheduled. These conferences will provide parents with information about academic proficiency and progress and behavioral review.
- A survey is sent to parents at the end of each academic year. The data is then collected, tallied and sent to central office. Any unsatisfactory comments are attached to the school plan. The school council and school improvement team will review unsatisfactory comments.
- Parent Link will be used to send important information to a large number of parents concerning functions/activities such as Title I Workshops, PTSO Meetings, Curriculum Nights, and school announcements.
- The school website www.gscs.org/shs will be kept current with school events, announcements and pertinent information. The website also provides contact information for teachers, counselors, and administrators.