

Shiloh High School

Parent Involvement Policy

2015-2016 School Year



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What is Title I?

Shiloh High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforcing and enhancing efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. 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? In order to create an equal partnership between the school and parents to improve student academic achievement, the school and parents will jointly create a parental involvement policy. The policy establishes the school's expectations for parental involvement and outlines how the school will implement various activities to support family engagement and promote student learning. It is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Title I Planning Meeting. All feedback forms from the Title I Planning Meeting are submitted to the Title I Office for review.

How is it developed and revised?

- Provide an opportunity for parents unable to attend the Title I Planning Meeting to review and to give input on the documents revised at this meeting.
- Adjust Title I Planning meeting time(s) to evening hours to accommodate parents as indicated by parent feedback obtained from the 2014-2015 Title I Parent survey.
- Advertise opportunities for parents to be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs by means of parent workshops, informal conversations, parent referrals, along with advertising through flyers, emails, phone calls, school newsletter, school website, school app, and social media sites (Facebook/Twitter).
- Administer an Annual Title I Parent Survey in order to receive parent feedback regarding the effectiveness of the school's Title I program and to determine the need for possible revisions or changes to the program.
- Shiloh High School will provide parents an opportunity to participate in the "All In" Volunteer Program for the 2015 -2016 school year to participate in events such as Annual Title I Parent Meeting, Curriculum Night, Math Night, Language Arts Night, Social Studies Night, and Math Night, and club and sporting events.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this policy. Shiloh High School will provide as many opportunities as possible for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Information will be provided in a family friendly language and format.

Where is it available?

A copy of the Parent Involvement Policy and all parent involvement documents are available in the Parent Center, Main Office and the Media Center. Shiloh High School disseminates the Title I information at the beginning of the school year to every student and as new students register after the school year begins.

2015-2016 Goals of Gwinnett County Public Schools:

Language Arts: All students will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

Math: Students are not only expected to become proficient in appropriate computational skills, but also to be actively involved in constructing and applying mathematical ideas.

Science: Students will develop a strong content understanding in the earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Social Studies: Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context.

2015-2016 Goals of Shiloh High School:

Shiloh High School will increase the cohort graduation rate from 65% in 2014-2015 to 72% in 2015-2016.

Shiloh High School first time Gateway testers will increase mean scores of 495 (2015) to 500 (2016) in Science and 516 (2015) to 521 (2016) in Social Studies.

Shiloh High School's student performance on the Coordinate Algebra and Geometry Milestone exams will increase in students who meet the standard from 49% (2015) to meet or exceed the district average in (2016) in Coordinate Algebra and 57% (2015) to meet or exceed the district average in (2016) in Geometry.

We will build our parents' capacity to support their students' academic achievement by implementing the activities identified in the parent involvement policy and school/parent compact.

School – Parent Compacts

Shiloh High School will collaborate with parents to jointly develop a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and explains how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

After reviewing school data and LSP1 goals, the following topics will be the focus area for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Shiloh High School will use document based questions (DBQ's) to assist with improving document based writing skills.

Let's Get Together! / Involvement Matters!

Shiloh High School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

August 18, 2015	6:30 PM	Title I Planning Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overview of the Title I guidelines, purpose, goals, and expectations.
September 3, 2015	5:00 PM	Annual Title I Parent Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overview Title I. Additionally, parents will be provided with information concerning parent's rights, Parent Center resources, workshops, and volunteering.
September 3, 2015	6:00 PM	Curriculum Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information for the 2015-2016 school year will be shared with all Shiloh parents.
September 10, 2015	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Annual Title I Parent Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overview of the Title I. Additionally, parents will be provided with information concerning parent's rights, Parent Center resources, workshops, and volunteering.
September 22, 2015	9:00 - 10:30 AM	Central Gwinnett HS* District Title I Parent Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information session about the district Title I program.
September 22, 2015	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Radloff MS District Title I Parent Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information session about the district Title I program.
September 24, 2015	10:00 AM	Annual Title I Parent Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overview Title I. Additionally, parents will be provided with information concerning parent's rights, Parent Center resources, workshops, and volunteering.
October 29, 2015	6:30 PM	Math Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents will learn how students are being engaged in the classroom through technology and 21st century skills.
November 10, 2015	6:00 PM	College Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents and students will have an opportunity to meet admissions representatives from various colleges and universities concerning post-secondary options.
December 3, 2015	6:30 PM	Social Studies Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents will learn how students are being engaged in the classroom through technology and 21st century skills.
February 16, 2016	6:30 PM	Language Arts Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents will learn how students are being engaged in the classroom through technology and 21st century skills.
March 22, 2016	6:30 PM	Science Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents will learn how students are being engaged in the classroom through technology and 21st century skills.
April 12, 2016	9:00 - 10:30 AM	ISC District Title I Parent Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect parent and community input to revise the district Title I improvement plan & parent involvement policy; review and collect input on how Title I funds are used within the district.
April 12, 2016	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Hopkins ES* District Title I Parent Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect parent and community input to revise the district Title I improvement plan & parent involvement policy; review and collect input on how Title I funds are used within the district.
April 26, 2016	6:00 PM	Transition Workshop Rising 9th Grade Parent Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents will receive research-based tips on how to assist their child's transition to high school.

Parental Involvement

Shiloh High School believes that parents are full partners in their child's education. Parents play an integral role in assisting with their child's learning. Parental involvement means active participation in school events. The school may take the following actions to provide parents with support:

- Offer a flexible number of meetings at convenient times
- May provide transportation and/or child care as such services relate to parental involvement
- Provide opportunities for regular meetings requested by parents to participate in two-way communication relating to the education of their child such as Title I Planning Meeting, Parent-Teacher Conferences, SST Meetings, Parent Newsletters, Emails, School Website, Parent Center Website, Parent Portal, My E-class.

Parent Center

Please visit our Parent Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Parents may visit the parent center for computer access for Parent Portal.

Vameker Banks, 678-344-2735,
vameker_banks@gwinnett.k12.ga.us, Located in the front of the building next to the main office, Hours of operation Monday- Thursday 8:00 am – 1:00pm, Friday- Closed

Shiloh High School – Parents as Partners

Shiloh High School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Provide parents with program information, assistance in understanding state and local academic standards and assessments, how to monitor their child's progress and how to work with educators. Parents will learn how to access their students' grades on the Parent Portal during the fall Parent Portal Training. Parents can also contact the PIC at Shiloh for assistance in registering for and using the Parent Portal. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in the Annual Parent Meeting that Shiloh has to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' right to know to be involved.
 - Provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement such as – providing parent workshops, and informational sessions in the parent center about accessing teacher websites, school websites, My eClass textbooks, internet websites that teachers are using in the classroom.
 - Provide training for teachers and staff on effective communication strategies and how to work with parents as equal partners by:
 - Offering parent involvement training and materials to teachers to sustain increased and effective communication with parents throughout the school year during teacher planning, staff development, and faculty meetings.
 - The PIC will be available to serve as a liaison between parents and teachers in developing stronger partnerships to support the overall goal to increase student achievement through parental involvement.
 - Provide parents and students support in transitioning to High school and postsecondary options. Shiloh will host a rising 9th grade parent night in the spring, "Jumpstart" summer camp for incoming freshman, a fall college fair and career fair.
 - Communicate with parents in a family friendly format by translating documents upon request.
 - Provide other reasonable support as requested by parents:
- Discretionary school level components
- Work with parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement
 - Train parents to help maximize parental involvement
 - Arrange school meetings at different times of the day
 - Adopt and implement different approaches to improving parental involvement
 - Establish a schoolwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in school programs
 - Collaborate with community leaders and partners in education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities