School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?
This is a plan that describes how Sugar Hill Academy will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Sugar Hill Academy values the involvement of parents and family members in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Sugar Hill Academy will support family engagement and how parents and family members can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?
Sugar Hill Academy invites all parents to attend an annual parent and family engagement input meeting, at the beginning of the school year, to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school/district comprehensive needs assessment, school/district improvement plans, school-parent compact, and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, our school welcomes parent input and comments at any time during the school year regarding this plan. All parent feedback received during the school year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and make paper copies available for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parent and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

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 plan. Sugar Hill Academy will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?
At the beginning of the year, after revision, the plan is posted on the school’s website, emailed through Infinite Campus, presented at the Annual Title I meeting, and paper copies are provided in the school’s front office.
2017–18 District Goals

Goal 1A: Increase average CCRPI scores at least two points annually at 70% or more of HCSD Schools.

Goal 1B: Average CCRPI scores for each level of HCSD Schools will increase at least two points annually.

2017–18 School Goals

✓ Develop supports through Reader’s Workshop and Writer’s Workshop to support students and to develop the necessary skills to read and write proficiently. Implement a words/vocabulary campaign with 100 words to learn per grade level to increase reading levels.

✓ Teach students how to monitor their own progress and how to discover their talents to increase student engagement and achievement in all core content areas.

Let’s Get Together!

Sugar Hill Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Kindergarten Orientation for Parents – August 17, 2017 at 6:00
Introduce parents to the kindergarten teachers and discuss goals for the school year.

Parent and Family Input Meeting for Title I Plan – August 25, 2017 at 9:00
Parents participate in roundtable discussion with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parent and family engagement policy, comprehensive needs assessment, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren – September 8, 2017; 9:00
Tips and information about Grandparents Raising Grandchildren led by Mrs. Bayonne and Ms. Kinard. Ms. Madrid will have social media hang outs for the parents as well.

Technology Use for First Grade Snack and Learn – September 28th, 2017 (at 1:30 pm)
Tips and information about Technology Use.

Annual Title I Meeting and Curriculum Night – October 12, 2017 (5:00-8:00 PM)
Join us for an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent and family engagement policy, the school-wide plan, and the school-parent compacts and the parents’ requirements. Invitations will be sent home in the Monday Folder.

Reading Levels for Second and Third Grade Snack and Learn – November 2, 2017; 12:30
Reading Levels – what they mean and how they work.

How to understand Report Cards, Interpreting Reading and Math Levels – December 7, 2017: 9:00
How do interpret Report Cards, Reading and Math Levels. We will also discuss attendance.

Overview of How Technology can support your child – January 18, 2018: 10:00
Parent outreach led by Ms. Madrid on how technology can support your child.

Safety Planning – February 22, 2018 (9:00 am):
Safety Planning led by Mrs. Bayonne, Ms. Kindard, Ms. Madrid.

Fifth Grade Transition to Middle School – March 15, 2018 (8:00 am)
A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Sugar Hill Academy and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during School Council. The school-parent compacts are shared through the Annual Title I meeting, Infinite Campus, and posted on the school’s website. The school-parent compacts are kept with classroom teachers if parents need another copy.
Definition of Parent and Family Engagement
Sugar Hill Academy believes that family engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

Support
Sugar Hill Academy is committed to helping our parents and family members attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.
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School Measures to Provide Required Assistance
Sugar Hill Academy will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish and posted on the school website and included in Monday Folders.
- Include graded assignments weekly in the Monday folder so that you can see your child’s progress towards meeting grade level standards. In addition, we will report a reading level and math basic facts level each month so that you can observe your child’s progress as the year progresses. Please call us if you have questions about academic updates that you receive and we will contact you if we see a need for interventions to ensure your child’s success.
- Partner with Head Start through the District Parent Outreach Facilitator. The District Parent Outreach Facilitator meets with parents providing information and resources to support school orientation for parents and students to assist in successful student transitions to kindergarten.
- Communicate with all families and the community on regular bases regarding school-wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
- School personnel participate in a Canvas professional development sessions on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Provide parents and family members with tips for 5th grade students to ensure a successful transition to middle school.
Parent and Family Engagement Standards
Sugar Hill Academy and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school’s model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:
1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Parent Involvement Committee
Sugar Hill Academy invites parents to join the School Community Team that we call our School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and the community. Parents can provide feedback at these meetings or submit their ideas and suggestions at any time. If you would like to learn more about the parent involvement committee, please contact the principal at 770-503-1749.

Parent Involvement Committee
☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Involvement Committee.
☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Involvement Committee.
☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Child’s name and Grade: _________________________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________________________________

Share Your Thoughts
We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students’ and the school’s goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Front Office:
Name: (Optional) ___________________________________________________________________
Telephone Number: (Optional) ____________________________________________________________
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