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What is Title I?

S.L. Mason 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 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.

Description of School Parental Engagement Plan

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, consistent with sections 1112 and 1118 of the No Child Left Behind Act. Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d).
- The school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the NCLB in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

S.L. Mason will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A in decisions about how funds for parental involvement should be spent. To improve the academic quality of our school, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent involvement policy is conducted. The findings of the evaluation, through school surveys and feedback forms, will be used to design strategies to more effectively meet the needs of parents, and enhance the school's Title I program.

The Valdosta City Schools (VCS) and S.L. Mason recognize that greater family involvement is crucial to student achievement. The staff at S.L. Mason works to plan and implement parent involvement activities that encourage the support of home and community in improving the educational opportunities of all children. To increase and improve parent involvement and school quality, S.L. Mason will actively seek to involve and engage parents in the planning, review and evaluation of Parent Involvement activities by requesting and encouraging parents to offer ideas and suggestions. The Parent Engagement Program believes that parents, schools, families and communities working together can create meaningful partnerships that ultimately lead to significant gains across the board in student achievement; therefore, the goal of the Parent Engagement Program is to increase student achievement by engaging and empowering parents to become actively involved in their children's education across all grade levels.

S.L. Mason School Goals

- ❖ Increase the percentage of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students scoring at achievement level 3 (proficient) and 4 (distinguished), on the GMAS English Language Arts End-of-Grade assessment from
 - 3rd Grade: 10% FY18 to 20% FY19
 - 4th Grade: 21% FY18 to 31% FY19
 - 5th Grade: 23% FY18 to 33% FY19
- ❖ Increase the percentage of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students scoring at achievement level 3 (proficient) and 4 (distinguished), on the GMAS Mathematics End-of-Grade assessment from:
 - 3rd Grade: 15% FY18 to 25% FY19
 - 4th Grade: 24% FY18 to 34% FY19
 - 5th Grade: 19% FY18 to 29% FY19

S.L. Mason Elementary School-Parent Compacts

S.L. Mason students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards. This agreement is jointly developed by parents, students, and teachers and links the school's goals for improvement and student learning. The compact is updated annually and describes the commitment of each party in helping students reach expectations.

Parent Engagement Program and Activities

S.L. Mason parents are encouraged and invited to participate in the planning and attendance of programs, events and activities. designed to support academic growth and strengthen partnerships between home, school and community. Section 1118 (e) (12)

Parent Advisory Teams- Valdosta City Schools and S.L. Mason has established Parent Advisory Teams that offer advice, recommendations, and support on the planning of programs and monitoring school progress and student achievement. Other parent input that supports events, activities and training, comes from system and building surveys, parent volunteers, community school partners(CPIE) and community members.

Annual Title I Meeting S.L. Mason will hold a yearly Title I PATH meeting. The school principal informs stakeholders of the purpose, supports and requirements of a Title I school.

Parent information and feedback meetings – At the being of the school year a stakeholder/feedback meeting is held to discuss and collect input on school goals and initiatives. School-wide goals and initiatives are explained, and data is shared about school wide student performance. Additional meetings throughout the year provide opportunities to receive information and give feedback. Scheduled activities and events include PTO meetings, Response to Intervention (RTI) meetings, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings, Parent Advisory Team meetings and scheduled Parent Involvement events.

Parent resource materials/Volunteering -Parents are invited to become school volunteers. Information and materials are available in the school lobby. This location provides information to support parents on a variety of topics. Our school lobby is open during regular school hours. Parents are invited to become members of the PTO and Parent Involvement Advisory Team.

Title I School Improvement, Parent Involvement Plans and Compact- These documents address the goals and strategies for supporting the academic needs of our students, professional planning and learning for teachers, parent involvement goals and partnership plans that is coordinated with the use of federal funds and school programs. All Title I required documents can be found in the School Lobby and website at slmason.gocats.org. All stakeholders and parents can provide feedback by completing the stakeholder feedback form located in the school lobby/parent resource center and on the school website.

School Parent Nights- Throughout the school year, parents will be informed of opportunities to visit their child's class and gain information on how to help their child. This time is designed to support and enhance academic learning for all students. Each event is created to provide assistance with ways to support students at home.

Section 1118 (c) (1) (2) and (e) (1) (2) (5)

Definition of Parental Engagement

Parent Engagement Standards

Parents, schools, families, and communities working together to create meaningful partnerships that ultimately lead to significant gains in student achievement.

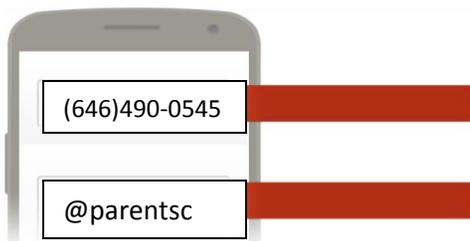
Parent Engagement Standards

1. Communicating
2. Parenting
3. Student Learning
4. Volunteering
5. School Decision Making and Advocacy
6. Collaborating with the Community

GET CONNECTED

WEBSITE- <http://slmason.gocats.org>

REMIND 101 Sign up by texting
@parentsc to (646) 490-0545.
opt-out of messages at anytime by replying,
'unsubscribe @parentsc'.



School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

A. Parents will be informed of student academic progress through progress reports, parent conferences, student work samples, report cards (each 9 weeks), and teacher conferences/contacts (throughout the year). A variety of resources will be used to communicate with parents including, but not limited to, web pages, Facebook, teacher and school newsletters, flyers or additional handouts that provide assistance with understanding how to monitor student progress. In addition to the VCS Parent Portal, an on-line service for parents to track grades, assignments, etc., parents can access a mobile Parent Portal application for these services. Initial enrollment is processed in the front office. A description of grade-level expectations, curriculum standards, and highlighted grade level and building activities will be provided to parents throughout the year and in weekly newsletters. Parents will receive results of individual student assessments and the interpretation of those results, through dissemination as they become available from the state for standardized assessments and periodically for system-level assessments.

B. All activities and workshops are designed to provide assistance to parents in helping their child to achieve in areas related to Common Core Georgia Standards of Excellence (CCGSE), such as language arts, math, science, social studies, study skills, technology, and the assistance in the interpretation of student assessment data, ESOL, EIP, Special Education and Gifted. Information about session events will be provided and promoted on the S.L. Mason Elementary and VCS website calendars, newsletters, memos, marquee, Facebook, and phone call outs. Additional parent resources are available in the S.L. Mason media center/parent resource center. PTO meetings and events provide additional opportunities to connect with school families to build partnerships. A home/school compact will be signed for each S.L. Mason student. This contract specifies the means by which the school, the parent, and the student will build and sustain a partnership to help the student achieve high academic standards. Parents will have the opportunity to enroll in Remind101, a text reminder service that notifies parents of S.L. Mason scheduled events.

C. Parent Engagement Webinars will be provided for school staff, personnel and administration to build and strengthen skills in collaboration with parents to enhance school and family engagement. Sessions will include steps to creating a working relationship with parents and increasing their involvement and participation to bring about student achievement and success.

D. Valdosta City Schools and S.L. Mason will provide opportunities for community programs, such as Head Start, and parents of pre-school children to receive and understand information and activities to help their children transition into school successfully.

Section 1118 (c) (4), (e) (1), (3), (4) and (5)

S.L. Mason Parent Comments

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 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) _____

S.L. Mason Parent Involvement

Parents have the right to provide input on how parent involvement funds should be spent. Your comments and suggestions support the planning of events to build parent involvement and to support academic growth.
