



Swansfield Elementary School
5610 Cedar Ln, Columbia, MD 21044

School Family Compact & Calendar of Events 2020-2021

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What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program designed to support students who need extra assistance in reading and/or math. Title I teachers work with students to support their academic needs. Most interventions are provided in the classroom. This approach provides increased opportunity for flexible grouping, acceleration, and collaboration.

What is a Family School Compact & Plan?

A Family-School Compact & Plan is an agreement between families, students, and teachers that is jointly developed and distributed to all families. It explains how families, students, and teachers will work as a team to make sure all students meet with success, and get the support they need to achieve grade level goals.

HCPSS has identified shared responsibilities for students, educators, and families for a successful virtual instruction program this year. To view these shared responsibilities, visit the HCPSS website.

<https://www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/virtual-instruction-responsibilities/>

We welcome your ideas and input into the compact & plan for achievement; as well as, our family involvement budget, and ideas for how we can work together as equal partners. For feedback and suggestions please reach out to a Title I Teacher or Family Involvement Contact. Contact information for each staff member can be found on the SES Title I website at <http://ses.hcpss.org/about/title-i-program>

How Can I Get Involved at the School?

- Join and attend the Family Involvement Team (FIT) and/or school-based PTA.
- Provide feedback and input on the Family-School Compact/Plan, School Improvement Plan, Family Involvement Budget Plan, and topics for school staff training.
- Classroom volunteer opportunities; please contact your child’s teacher directly.

Swansfield Elementary administrators and school staff have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. For the 2020-2021 school year, SES will focus on the following areas:

<p>Mathematics: The HCPSS Mathematics Curriculum aligns with the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff will engage in bi-weekly grade level planning with the MST to implement high 	<p>English Language Arts: The HCPSS Language Arts Curriculum aligns with the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff will participate in professional learning with unpacking the Reading Standards during
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<p>quality tasks and identify possible student misconceptions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will engage in bi-weekly collaborative professional learning/planning in order to implement differentiated instruction to address student misconceptions in the mathematics classroom. Coaching model (learning walks, peer observations and model lessons) will be utilized by the Mathematics Support Teacher to provide teachers with differentiated professional development on how to address student misconceptions through differentiated instruction. Frequency will be determined by the needs of the individual teachers. 	<p>bi-weekly planning with RST and grade level teams</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will connect their knowledge of the standards to student engagement strategies during implementation of BAR and Making Meaning. Staff will participate in quarterly instructional rounds to observe student engagement with the grade level reading standards and implementation of BAR and Making Meaning.
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For a snapshot of the SES School Improvement Plan visit our school's website.

<https://ses.hcpss.org/about/school-improvement-plan>

Grade Span Goals:

Pre-K & Kindergarten

- English Language Arts – With prompting and support, Pre-K and Kindergarten students will interact with literary and informational text. By the end of Kindergarten, students will independently read and comprehend beginning reader texts. Students will independently write, draw or dictate written responses to what they have read. Independently, students will write, draw or dictate about the various writing genres.
- Mathematics –Throughout Pre-K and Kindergarten, students will learn to count to 100 and write numbers to 20. Emphasis is placed on tens and ones and building a foundation for place value. Beginning addition and subtraction starts in kindergarten. Students will sort and classify groups of objects and identify basic shapes.
- Grades 1 & 2**
- English Language Arts - Standards-based instruction and differentiated small group instruction is driven by on-going data collection. The Being A Reader and Being A Writer programs provide a strong emphasis on foundational skills, that are taught through shared reading, interactive read alouds, differentiated small group instruction, word sorts, discussions of text, daily independent reading, and writing instruction in various genres.
- Mathematics –Students are focused on counting, addition, subtraction, and understanding and solving word problems. By the end of second grade, students will know from memory, their basic addition and

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subtraction facts. They will be able to add and subtract numbers within 1,000 using a variety of place value strategies.

- **Grades 3, 4, & 5**
- English Language Arts -English Language Arts - Standards-based instruction and differentiated small group instruction is driven by on-going data collection. The Making Meaning and Being A Writer programs provide a strong emphasis on comprehension skills, interactive read alouds, differentiated small group instruction, discussions of text, daily independent reading, and writing instruction in various genres.
- Mathematics -Students will focus on developing an understanding of multiplication and division strategies using multi-digit numbers. By the end of third grade, students are expected to know, from memory, their basic multiplication and division facts. They will develop an understanding of fractions (including equivalence and applying the four operations), and an understanding of geometric figures.

Family Calendar of Events 2020-2021

Transportation, childcare, interpreter services, and translated documents will be available upon request as needed.

Program	Time & Date	Details
<p>Title I Annual Meeting & Back to School Night</p>	<p>9/1/20- PreK- 2 @ 6:00 pm Gifted & Talented @ 7:00 pm</p> <p>9/2/20- Grades 3-5 @ 6:00 pm Band & Strings @ 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Parents are invited to meet their child’s teacher(s) and hear about what their child will be doing for virtual learning. Parents will also have the opportunity to learn about their child’s daily schedule, school rules, as well as academic expectations, how to stay connected, and the PTA. Also, find out ways to help your child at home, how to volunteer, as well as how to join our School Improvement Team or Family Involvement Team. Parents will learn about the Schoolwide Title I program, where to find more information, and how to give input into the Title I</p>

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		Budget and the School Compact and Family Plan. There will be time to ask questions and give feedback.
Tuesday Tech Nights	9/15/20 @7:00 pm 9/22/20 @ 7:00 pm 9/29/20 @ 7:00 pm	Parents are invited to attend these meetings to learn more about how to use Google Meet, navigate through Canvas, and learn about the programs Dreambox and Lexia Core 5. There will be time to ask questions. Evaluations will be provided asking for feedback.
Parent-Teacher Conferences	11/23/2020, 11/24/2020, 11/25/2020 Time TBA	Parents are invited to meet their child's teacher(s) and hear about how their child is progressing in their current grade level. During this time, parents can ask questions, share concerns/highlights and give/receive feedback.

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