



Heritage Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2018-2019

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What is Title I?

Heritage Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan and schoolwide plan.

Our Plan for Student Achievement

What is it?

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

How is it revised?

Heritage Elementary invited all parents and family members to attend our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum last spring to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compacts and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent and family member input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online comment card.

The plan is posted on our school website for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents and family members for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback at 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. Heritage Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

Throughout the school year, the plan is located in the Front Office, Media Center and Parent Resource Center. As a reminder, the plan is sent home to all families during the 1st semester of school. Copies of the plan are available at Title I meetings, and parents can retrieve a copy of the plan from www.bcsdk12.net/heritage.

2018-2019 District Goals

All students will reach high standards with a minimum attaining the following proficiency:

- Increase the percent of students achieving a Lexile measure at the targeted grade levels (3rd, 5th, 8th, HS American Lit) to 55% as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment scores.
- Decrease the percentage of students absent for 6 or more days from 48.4% to 30%.

School Goals

- The CCRPI score will increase from 89.8 to 91.5 for the 2018-2019 school year.

Focus Areas:

- Reading and English/Language Arts, with a focus on sight words for the lower grades and Lexile Level and comprehension for the upper grades.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Heritage Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards.

The compact will be discussed throughout the year as it relates to the individual child's achievement during parent-teacher conferences and family engagement activities. The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum.

The school-parent compacts are sent home and a copy kept with each child's teacher if families need a copy.

Let's Get Moving!

Heritage 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. All meetings for parents will be held during the day, evenings and on Saturdays.

Open House – July 2018

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school faculty/staff for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 2018

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about parents' rights and the benefits a Title I program, including information concerning our parent and family engagement plan, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts.

Parent Portal Workshop/Understanding Data Reports – September 2018

Sign up to see your child's grades, assignments and attendance with Parent Portal. You can view up-to-date information. Parent Portal is a very valuable tool to remain engaged with your child's education at all grade levels.

Literacy & Social Studies Curriculum Night – October 2018

Families will enjoy hearing the latest curriculum updates to help their children succeed in school. Information about the Georgia Milestones Assessment will also be shared with families. You will not want to miss this great night!

Building Staff Capacity Sessions – Ongoing throughout the year.

Staff, in consultation with parents and family members, will be involved in learning how to effectively communicate to build ties between home and school.

Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day – November 15, 2018

We will provide ways for parents to volunteer at Heritage each week during the month of November. We value your part in supporting student success in school. We would appreciate your help! Please contact our volunteer coordinator if you want to volunteer this month as we celebrate family engagement in our schools.

Title I Parent Survey – November 2018

Participate in our online survey to provide feedback about the Title I program and family engagement at Heritage.

Georgia Milestones & Promotion/Retention Workshop – January 2019

For all 3rd to 5th grade parents, come and see what will be expected of students on the Georgia Milestones Assessment. Learn about the test and the online components. We will also discuss the promotion and retention requirements for the year.

Math & Science Curriculum Night – February 2019

All families are invited to a night of seeing cool science experiments and learning about the importance of math and science in everyday life. Teachers will discuss the State standards and provide updates on what your student is learning.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum – February/March 2019

We need your input on our Title I plans, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget at Heritage. Come share in the decisions that affect our school.

Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School – May 2019

Join us at our zone middle school, Weaver Middle, for this exciting day of how to get your 5th grader ready to transition to a new setting. You will be able to meet the Weaver staff, tour the school, and hear about middle school expectations.

Transitioning from Pre-School to Kindergarten – May 2019

Make sure your student is ready for Kindergarten! Our amazing Kindergarten teachers will be hosting a workshop with tips and resources you can use over the summer to help your student be ready for school in August.

Volunteer Appreciation – May 2019

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student achievement.

Come visit and explore our Parent Resource Center!

Located in the Office

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Computers are available for parents to use in the **Media Center** for Parent Portal and additional information is located at the **Resource Center** near the main office.

Family Engagement

Heritage Elementary 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.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan are fulfilled.

Family – School Partnerships

Heritage Elementary and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging families, 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

Our School is Reaching Out!

Heritage Elementary 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 a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents understand, posted on the school website and sent home to all families.
- Provide trainings for faculty and staff at their regularly scheduled planning and staff meetings, along with tip sheets and emails on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement.
- Share information on the school website and in the school newsletter for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding events and activities, through phone messages, flyers, and social media, ie., EagleNEST e-newsletter, Remind text messages and Facebook.
- Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Parents, Teachers, Students and Community Partners to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards in the Parent Resource Center, main office, and on our website for families to provide meaningful feedback and respond to requests for additional support for family engagement activities.

Need Help?

Heritage Elementary is committed to helping our parents and family members attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan.

Please call or email us if you need assistance to participate in our programs:

Main Office
(478) 779-4700

or
Claudia Montford
Title I School Representative
claudia.montford@bcsdk12.net

School Volunteer Team

Heritage Elementary invites all parents to join the Heritage Volunteer Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The volunteer team helps out with our Terrific Tuesday Workdays each week, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity or meeting, as well as through our parent survey and Let's Talk feature on our website. If you would like to learn more about the School Volunteer Team, complete the interest form and leave it in the main office. If you have questions or comments please call our volunteer coordinator.

School Volunteer Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Volunteer Team.*
- Please contact me so I can learn more about the School Volunteer Team.*
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.*

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Share Your Ideas

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of our schoolwide plan that you feel is not satisfactory with our student and school goals for academic success, please provide us with your comments in the space provided. We will forward your comments to the Title I office.

Name (optional): _____

Telephone Number (optional): _____

Comments: _____
