

C.B. Watson Primary School
Family Engagement Guidebook
2026-2027



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A Parent's Guide to Title I

What is Title I?

Title I, Part A, is a federally funded program under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The purpose of Title I under ESSA is to ensure that **all** children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

Which Houston County schools are Title I schools?

CB Watson Primary	Northside High	Thomson Middle
Centerville Elementary	Northside Middle	Tucker Elementary
Eagle Springs Elementary	Parkwood Primary	Warner Robins High
Huntington Middle	Pearl Stephens Elementary	Warner Robins Middle
Westside Elementary	Northside Elementary	Shirley Hills Elementary
Miller Elementary	Langston Road Primary	Quail Run Elementary
Russell Elementary	Morningside Elementary	David Perdue Primary



What supports are provided through Title I?

The Title I Program offers a variety of supports which may include, but are not limited to, additional teachers, support staff, instructional materials and supplies, technology to support student learning, tutoring, professional development for school staff and capacity building events for families.

What role does family engagement play in Title I?

Family engagement is an integral part of the ESSA law. Districts and schools receiving Title I funding must:

- Ensure that high-quality academic assessments, accountability systems, teacher preparation and training, curriculum, and instructional materials are aligned with challenging State academic standards so that students, teachers, parents and administrators can measure progress against common expectations for student academic achievement.
- Afford parents substantial and meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.



Families,

You can have a tremendous influence on your child's success in school. By partnering with the school and participating in the Title I program, you will:

- show your child that you support and value his/her education.
- be able to closely monitor your student's progress.
- build stronger relationships between home and school.
- provide valuable input about schoolwide programs.

Research shows that students whose families are engaged perform better academically, socially and behaviorally. Be sure to become involved in your child's school by:

- communicating regularly with your child's teacher.
- attending academic-based family events and parent-teacher conferences.
- volunteering at the school.
- joining the Parent Action Team or School Council.
- providing input concerning the Title I program at the school.

C.B. Watson Primary School

THE CONNECTION

***Family-School Engagement Plan and Compact
2026-2027***



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What is Title I?

C.B. Watson Primary School is identified as a Title I school as a part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the 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 parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan and compact.

THE CONNECTION

What is it?

The Connection is a comprehensive document joining our School-Family Engagement Plan and Compact together with the purpose of strengthening the bond between school and home. The Engagement Plan describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The school will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all family members. The Compact explains what teachers, parents and students each will do in an effort to work together to make sure that our students reach grade level standards. The Compact is discussed with families during parent-teacher conferences throughout the school year.

How is it revised?

The Connection is jointly developed and revised by our school's stakeholders. All families are invited to attend our annual Shared Decision Making Meeting (SDM) held each spring. Families are asked to review and give feedback on the Engagement Plan, Compact, and budget including the 1% set aside. All feedback forms from the SDM Meetings are collected, reviewed and used to revise this document and to improve program planning for the next school year. Families who are not able to attend the SDM Meeting have the opportunity to provide input by completing an online feedback form and completing the Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey that seeks suggestions regarding the plan, compact and budget.

Who is it for?

The Connection is for all students attending a Title I school and their families. We encourage and invite families to fully participate in the opportunities described in this document. Our school will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, of migratory children and caretakers of students served in Neglected and Delinquent Centers.

Where is it available?

The Connection is included in our FE Guidebook that is provided to all parents and families at the beginning of the year or whenever a new student enrolls. The Connection is also available on our school website and in our Parent Resource Center. Families can request a copy at any time during the school year.

Let's Stay Connected

C.B. Watson Primary School believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. Here are the ways to stay connected and informed.

- Progress Reports and Report Cards
- HCSD App
- Infinite Campus
- School Website
- Social Media
- Emails, Text, Phone Calls, Notes
- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Access to Staff

- Our school has an open-door policy.
- All teachers and staff are available through email. See the school webpage for contact information.
- Conferences may be scheduled directly with your child's teacher or through the Main office at (478) 929- 6360.



ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

C.B. Watson Primary School plans the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement and to support a partnership among school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings and events are scheduled at various times and in different formats to accommodate the needs of our families. These events may be held in person or virtually.

Event	Focus	Date
Meet and Greet	Welcoming	July 31, 2026
Open House	Curriculum Standards	August 26, 2026
Annual Title I Meeting	Informational	August 26, 2026
Warriors Extravaganza Dance	Welcoming	September 3, 2026
Parent Action Team	Parent Action Team	September 3, 2026
The Reading Tree: Grandparents Edition	Literacy	September 11, 2026
ESOL Parent Informational	ESOL	September 22, 2026
Classroom Math Adventures	Curriculum Standards	October 7, 2026
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Monitoring Progress	October 9, 2026
Fall Into Reading	Literacy	November 19, 2026
Technology and Testing Tidbits	Technology	December 9, 2026
Sweet Stories and Treats	Testing/Assessment	January 14, 2027
Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey	SDM	January 2027
Voices for the Vision Parent Meeting	SDM	March 2027
Away to K Picnic	Transition	April 1, 2027

C.B. Watson Primary School wants to help all our families participate in our family engagement activities. If you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to attend the events listed in this plan, contact our Family Engagement Liaison for more information and assistance.

Madison Carson
(478) 988-6200 ext. 1253
madison.carson@hcbe.net

Family Engagement Liaison

Our FEL is Madison Carson. She is available to assist families in a variety of ways from finding resources, connecting with teachers and administrators, navigating Infinite Campus and providing opportunities for you to learn how to help your student at home.

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Parent Resource Center

Visit the Parent Resource Center to get pamphlets, brochures, and other resource materials to use at home with your child.

C.B.Watson Primary School
Monday – Friday
9:30 AM-2:30 PM
By Appointment



We welcome CBWPS parents to volunteer! A background check is required. Assisting in the Media Center, reading to a class, cutting out materials, chaperoning events, etc. are a few ways to volunteer. You must participate in a volunteer training before you begin. Volunteer hours are 9:30 AM -2:30 PM. Stop by or call for more information.

Our Pledge to our Parents and Families

C.B. Watson Primary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as equal partners in their child's education. In order to reach our goal of the highest quality of student achievement, C.B. Watson Primary School pledges to support our students and their families as the foundation of the school. 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 website or on social media.
- ✓ Provide training for staff on the value and contribution of parents, on ways to improve communication, on ideas to build strong partnerships with families, on providing information in a friendly format and on responding to parent requests four times during the school year.
- ✓ Partner with college and career ready organizations and early learning centers to provide resources to help prepare families and their students for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information/materials related to school and parent engagement activities, meetings and workshops in English and Spanish.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events through school messenger, social media, school website, newsletters and flyers.
- ✓ Work with parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide information for parents to better understand Georgia Standards of Excellence and assessments for all grade levels.
- ✓ Collaborate with stakeholders and community/business leaders to increase awareness of family and community engagement programs.
- ✓ Connect families to classes or support groups to help further enhance our parent's various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members after academic events in order to respond to parents' request for additional support for engagement activities.

2026-2027 District Goals

Increase by at least 3 percent the number of students performing at or above proficiency in core content areas in grades 3-11 as measured by Milestones assessment scores.

Increase the percentage of parents who feel their child's school provides various opportunities for engagement.

2026-2027 School Goals

Increase percentage of students reading at or above grade level by 5% by May 2027.

Increase percentage of students mastering math standards at or above grade level by 5% by May 2027.

Grade Level: Kindergarten

Focus Areas

- Foundational Reading Skills
- Phonics & Phonemic Awareness
- Reading Comprehension
- Addition and Subtraction
- Fluency to 5

Our Compact: Teachers, Families and Students –Together for Success

CBWP will...

- Encourage parents to attend planned events to learn different reading and/or math strategies.
- Provide parents with various resources they may need in order to help their child(ren) at home.

Families will...

- Engage by attending planned events to learn different reading and/or math strategies to use at home.
- Utilize resources provided by the school in order to help support children at home.

Student will

- Use different reading strategies learned in class to practice at home.
- Practice sight words and apply comprehension strategies at home.
- Practice math facts and fluency with numbers at home.

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Increase percentage of students reading at or above grade level by 5% by May 2027.

Increase percentage of students mastering math standards at or above grade level by 5% by May 2027.

Grade Level: First Grade

Focus Areas

Phonological Awareness

- Reading Fluency
- Reading Comprehension of Grade Level Text
- Composing and Decomposing numbers to solve addition/subtraction problems.
- Fluency to 10

Our Compact: Teachers, Families and Students -Together for Success

CBWP will...

- Host Family Engagement events to teach different math and reading strategies.
- Provide parents with various resources they may need in order to help their child(ren) at home.

Families will...

- Engage by attending planned events to learn different reading and/or math strategies to use at home.
- Utilize resources provided by the school in order to help support children at home.

Students will...

- Use taught reading strategies while reading at home and school.
- Practice critical thinking and apply composing strategies at home and school to complete work.
- Practice grouping strategies.
- Complete and return any learning packets.
- Complete weekly homework.

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Increase the percentage of parents who feel their child's school provides various opportunities for engagement.

2026-2027 School Goals

Increase percentage of students reading at or above grade level by 5% by May 2027.

Increase percentage of students mastering math standards at or above grade level by 5% by May 2027.

Grade Level: Second Grade

Focus Areas

- Reading Fluency
- Reading Comprehension of Grade Level Text
- Place Value
- Composing and Decomposing numbers to solve addition/subtraction problems.
- Fluency to 20

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- Encourage parents to attend planned events to learn different reading and/or math strategies.
- Provide parents with various resources they may need in order to help their child(ren) at home.

Families will...

- Engage by attending planned events to learn different reading and/or math strategies to use at home.
- Utilize resources provided by the school in order to help support children at home.

Students will...

- Practice reading at home answering and answer questions to help increase comprehension.
- Read aloud to family members to increase fluency.
- Use math strategies taught to complete homework.
- Practice place value and math facts at home.
- Complete and return any learning packets



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Right to Know Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Dear Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s),

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Students Succeeds Act, the Houston County School System would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and/ or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

Whether the student's teacher—

- has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
- is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

Whether the child is provided with services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/ or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact your child's school or you may contact Dana Morris, Director of Federal Programs, at the Houston County Board of Education at (478) 988-6200 ext. 3449 or at email dana.h.morris@hcbe.net.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Dana Morris, Director of Federal Program

Copyright Piracy Awareness Notification

Title I, Part A, Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) states that Title I schools shall provide information and resources to help parents and families work with their children to understand the harms of copyright piracy. In keeping with this requirement, definitions of relevant terms as well as links to websites that may be helpful in educating children concerning copyright piracy regulations are included below.

Copyright-a form of protection given to creators and authors of literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works. A copyright means that the author has the right to do or let other do any of the following things:

- Make copies
- Distribute copies
- Perform work publicly
- Display work publicly
- Make modifications or adaptations

Generally, it is illegal for anyone to do any of the things listed above without the creator's permission. However, there are some exceptions and limitations to this right. One major limitation is the Doctrine of Fair Use.

Copyright Piracy-Unauthorized reproduction for sale or use of copyrighted work such as a book, lyric or software.

Online Resources:

<https://www.common sense media.org/videos/teaching-kids-about-copyright-piracy>

<http://www.copyrightkids.org/>

If additional assistance or more information is needed, the media specialist at your child's school can help.

Title I Complaint Procedures

Although the below steps are recommended for the most efficient resolution at the lowest level, the parent/student has the right to by-pass these steps at any time and request an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. The parent and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you at your own expense. The impartial Hearing Officer will be selected by the district. Hearing requests must be made to the Title Coordinator identified in Step II below.

Step I

The complaint shall be presented orally or in writing to the school principal within ten (10) calendar days after the most recent incident upon which the complaint is based. Any witness or other evidence should be provided at this time. The administrator will conduct an investigation and render a written decision within ten (10) calendar days of the filing of the complaint.

Step II

A complainant dissatisfied with the decision of the school principal may appeal to the System Title I/Title II Coordinator by submitting a written statement of complaint to the System Title I/Title II Coordinator. This statement must be filed within ten (10) calendar days after the complainant receives the decision from the school principal. The complaint should be mailed to:

Mrs. Dana Morris, Federal Programs Director
Houston County Board of Education
Post Office Box 1850
Perry, GA 31069
Phone: (478) 988-6200
dana.h.morris@hcbe.net

Upon receipt of the written statement, the Title I/Title II Coordinator will schedule a meeting to attempt resolution of the concerns. The System Title I/Title II Coordinator will render a written decision within ten (10) calendar days after the meeting.

Step III

A complainant dissatisfied with the decision of the System Title I/Title II Coordinator may appeal to the Houston County Board of Education by filing a written request to the Office of the Superintendent. The complaint should be mailed to:

Dr. Richard Rogers
Office of the Superintendent
Houston County Board of Education
Post Office Box 1850
Perry, GA 31069

The appeal must be filed within ten (10) calendar days after the complainant receives the decision from the System Title I/Title II Coordinator. The Board of Education will act on the complaint at the next scheduled BOE meeting.

PBIS Matrix

CB Watson Warriors are...	Hallway (Level 0) 	Lunchroom (Level 1) 	Bus (Level 2) 	Bathroom (Level 0) 	Playground (Level 3) 
Respectful	Use quiet voices 	Quiet when the music is on 	Use kind words 	Give others privacy 	Take turns 
Responsible	Stay in line 	Keep your area clean 	Gather your belongings and watch for your stop 	Flush and then wash your hands 	Put your trash in the trashcan 
Safe	Use walking feet 	Wait your turn in line 	Stay seated and keep the aisle clear 	Keep your hands and feet to yourself 	Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself 
Kindness	Offer Help 	Use kind words 	Help someone that needs assistance 	Let others who are in a hurry ahead of you 	Invite someone to play 