



2025-2026

Title I Handbook

Mrs. Kelly Munn, Principal

Revision Date 7-30-2025

A Parent's Guide to Title I

What is Title I?

Title I, Part A is a federally funded program under the 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?

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

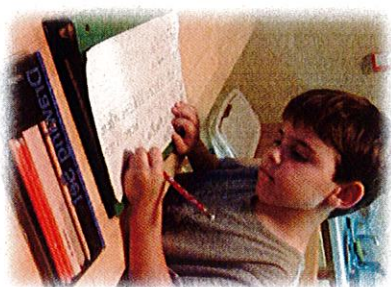
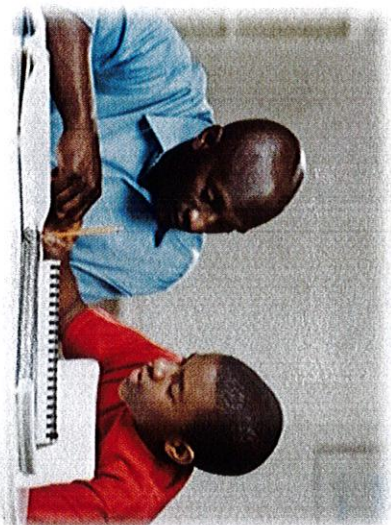
What support is provided through Title I?

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.



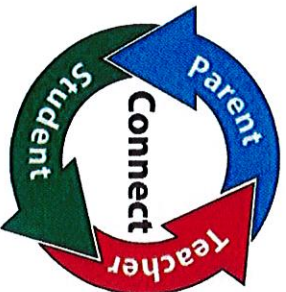
Families,

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.
- providing input concerning the Title I program at the school.



Parkwood Elementary

THE CONNECTION

Family-School Engagement Plan and Compact

2025-2026



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What is Title I?

Parkwood Elementary is identified as a Title I school as a part of 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 can 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 Title I Handbook 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

Parkwood Elementary 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.

- HCSD App
- Progress Reports and Report Cards
- School Website (pwes.hcbe.net)
- Social Media (Facebook)
- Emails
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- FEL Monthly Newsletters

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 can be scheduled directly with your child's teacher or through the Main Office at (478) 929-7822.



ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Parkwood Elementary 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 28, 2025 |
| Open House | Curriculum | August 19, 2025 |
| Annual Title I Meeting | Welcoming/Informational | August 19, 2025 |
| ESOL Parent Workshop | ESOL | August 27, 2025 |
| Hot-Dog We're Reading | Curriculum -Literacy | Sept. 9, 2025 |
| I-ready and Map Workshop | Testing/Assessment | Sept. 25, 2025 |
| Parkwood and Parents | Parent Action Team | October 2, 2025 |
| Parent-Teacher Conferences | Curriculum | October 13, 2025 |
| Math Bingo | Curriculum - Math | Nov. 4 & 6, 2025 |
| Winter Wonderland of Learning | Curriculum | Dec. 4, 2025 |
| Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey | SDM | January 2026 |
| Georgia Milestones Workshop | Testing/Assessment | March 19, 2026 |
| Voices for the Vision | SDM | April 9, 2026 |
| 5th Graders: Welcome to 6 th Grade | Transition | May 2026 |
| Kindergarten, Here We Come! | Transition | May 7, 2026 |

Parkwood Elementary would like to help all our families participate in our family engagement activities. If you need assistance with childcare or transportation to attend the events listed in this plan, contact our Family Engagement Liaison for more information and assistance.

Tracey Callahan
 (478) 929-7822 ext. 3087 or (478)210-8019
tracey.callahan@hcbe.net

Family Engagement Liaison

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

Office #: 478-210-8019

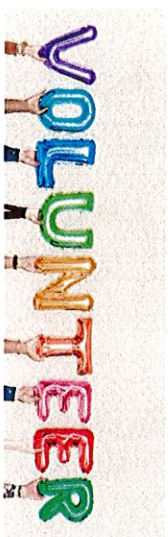
Email: tracey.callahan@hcbe.net

Parent Resource Center

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

Parkwood's Front Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 7:45 – 4:00pm



- Families are encouraged to volunteer their talents at Parkwood. Opportunities include, but no limited to, Media Center, PTO, and event volunteers.
- Parents are welcomed to observe their child within the classroom with a pre-scheduled appointment to avoid any unnecessary disruption within the classroom.

Our Pledge to our Parents and Families

Parkwood Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as equal partners in their child's education. To reach our goal of the highest quality of student achievement, Parkwood Elementary 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 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 school wide 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 to respond to parents' request for additional support for engagement activities.

2025-2026 District Goals

Increase by at least 2 percentage points 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 families that attend academic and welcoming events through the school year.

2025-2026 School Goals

- Increase the percentage of students reading on Grade Level by 10%; measured by GMAS and HCLI.
- Increase the percentage of students performing on or above Grade Level in Math by 10%; measured by MAP & GMAS.
- Increase percentage of students performing at the Proficient Learners Level on the GMAS in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies from 25% to 35%.

Kindergarten

Focus Areas

- Word Recognition
- Literacy Skills

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

Parkwood will

- Provide families with a monthly newsletter that features literacy skills covered in the classroom.
- Provide families appropriate level books to read nightly to improve fluency and word recognition.
- Conduct Academic Events focusing on literacy skills and word recognition.

Family will

- Practice literacy skills with their child, using the skills covered in the monthly newsletter, provided by the teacher.
- Listen to their child read nightly from appropriate level books to improve fluency and word recognition.
- Attend Academic Events for strategies focusing on literacy skills and word recognition.

Student will

- Practice literacy skills nightly by using the skills provided in the monthly newsletter.
- Read nightly for at least 10 minutes from appropriate level books
- Give parents flyers, newsletters, and all other correspondents.
- Remind their parents about upcoming Academic Events.



2025-2026 District Goals

Increase by at least 2 percentage points 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.

2025-2026 School Goals

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1st Grade

Focus Areas

- Decoding Skills
- Comprehension Strategies
- Word Study

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

Parkwood will

- Provide families appropriate grade level reading texts for individual students to improve fluency and questions to ask to improve comprehension.
- Provide families with a monthly newsletter listing current standards taught in the classroom.
- Conduct a Parent Academic Event focusing on comprehension strategies, decoding skills, and word study.

Family will

- Listen to their child read every day for at least 20 minutes and ask questions provided by the teacher.
- Read, review, and discuss monthly newsletters listing current standards taught with their student.
- Attend Academic Events focusing on comprehension strategies, decoding skills, and word study.

Student will

- Read from the reading texts for at least 20 minutes to their parents and answer questions provided.
- Discuss, review, and practice current standards being taught in the classroom.
- Give parents flyers, newsletters, and all other correspondents.
- Remind their family about the Academic Events and Activities.



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2nd Grade

Focus Areas

- Decoding Skills
- Reading and Comprehension Strategies
- Word Study

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

Parkwood will

- Provide families with appropriate level reading texts for individual students to improve fluency and questions to ask to improve comprehension.
- Provide families with a monthly newsletter listing current standards taught in the classroom.
- Conduct an Academic Event focusing on comprehension strategies, decoding skills, and word study.

Family will

- Listen to their child read every day for at least 20 minutes and ask questions provided by the teacher.
- Read, review, and discuss monthly newsletters listing current standards taught with their student.
- Attend Academic Events focusing on comprehension strategies, decoding skills, and word study.

Student will

- Read from the reading texts for at least 20 minutes to their parents and answer questions provided.
- Discuss, review, and practice current standards being taught in the classroom.
- Give parents flyers, newsletters, and all other correspondents.
- Remind their family about Academic Events.



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3rd Grade

Focus Areas

- Math Fluency and Problem Solving
- Reading Skills and Comprehension

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

Parkwood will

- Provide families with online resources and strategy-based activities to help develop the understanding of addition and subtraction within 1000.
- Provide families appropriate texts for individual students to improve fluency and questions to improve comprehension.
- Conduct Academic Events focusing on reading skills, reading comprehension, math fluency and problem solving taught in the classroom.

Family will

- Practice math facts with their child, using teacher recommended online resources and strategy-based math activities for addition and subtraction.
- Listen to their child read from their appropriate grade level text and ask questions provided.
- Attend Academic Events focusing on reading skills, reading comprehension, math fluency and problem solving.

Student will

- Practice Math skills nightly by using online resources and strategy-based learning centers (games).
- Read from their individual text nightly and answer comprehension questions.
- Give parents flyers, newsletters, and all other correspondents.
- Remind their family about Academic Events.



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4th Grade

Focus Areas

- ELA; Reading Skills, Comprehension, and Recognition of spelling patterns.
- **Math:** Fluency and Problem Solving

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

Parkwood will

- Provide families online resources and strategy-based activities to help develop the understanding of multiplication and division within 100.
- Provide appropriate level texts for students to read for improving fluency and questions to improve comprehension.
- Provide families online resources and strategy-based activities to help develop reading skills, comprehension, and recognition of spelling patterns.
- Conduct Academic Events focusing on math strategies for fluency, problem solving, reading skills, comprehension, and recognition of spelling patterns.

Family will

- Practice Math strategies with their child using teacher recommended online resources and/or strategy-based activities to develop the understanding of multiplication and division within 100.
- Encourage their child to read nightly from their individual text for at least 20 minutes and ask comprehensive questions provided.
- Practice reading skills using online resources and strategy-based activities to develop reading skills, comprehension, and recognition of spelling patterns.
- Attend Academic Events focusing on math strategies for fluency, problem solving, and reading skills, comprehension, and recognition of spelling patterns.

Student will

- Practice Math skills nightly by using online resources or activities provided.
- Read appropriate grade level text for at least 20 minutes nightly.
- Practice reading comprehension skills using online resources and strategy-based activities.
- Give parents flyers, newsletters, and all other correspondents.
- Remind their family about Academic Events and Activities held at the school.



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

2025-2026 School Goals

- Increase the percentage of students reading on Grade Level by 10%; measured by GMAS and HCLL.
- Increase the percentage of students performing on or above Grade Level in Math by 10%; measured by MAP & GMAS.
- Increase percentage of students performing at the Proficient Learners Level on the GMAS in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies from 25% to 35%.

5th Grade

Focus Areas

- Reading Skills & Comprehension
- Math Fluency and Problem Solving
- Multiplication & Division Skills with whole numbers and decimals.

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

Parkwood will

- Provide reading logs for students to keep track of their reading at home.
- Provide math concepts to help build students skills and fluency.
- Send home any school related correspondence, events, resources, etc.
- Conduct Academic Events focusing on reading comprehension and math concepts and strategies.

Family will

- Encourage their child to read their appropriate level text nightly for at least 20 minutes and record that in their reading logs.
- Encourage their child to practice math concepts and strategies at home.
- Read flyers, newsletters, and any materials brought home by their child.
- Attend Academic Events to further assist their child succeed.

Student will

- Read for at least 20 minutes each night and record it in their reading log.
- Practice math concepts and strategies.
- Give parents flyers, newsletters, and all other correspondents.
- Remind their family to attend Academic Events focusing on reading and math standards.





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July 30, 2025

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 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 Programs

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 a copyrighted work such as a book, lyric or software.

Online Resources:

<https://www.common SenseMedia.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, Director of Title and Remedial Services
Houston County School District
Post Office Box 1850
Perry, GA 31069
Phone: (478) 988-6200
Fax: (478) 988-6322
dana.h.morris@hcbes.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 School District
Post Office Box 1850
Perry, GA 31069
(478) 988-6200

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.



Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (P.B.I.S.)



Parkwood students are taught behavioral expectation known as **S.W.A.G.**, which is an acronym that refers to students who demonstrate positive behaviors as follows:

- S** - Safe
- W** – Wise Choices
- A** – Always Respectful
- G** – Give Your All

Students will be acknowledged with incentives when they demonstrate an understanding of expected behaviors. When students do not meet expectations, the expected behavior is taught and modeled. Students are given multiple opportunities to be successful; however, consequences are given (when appropriate) to support them.

Title I Handbook

Acknowledgement Form



Dear Families and
Students,

For the 2025-2026

school year, our Title I

Handbook is available for

your viewing on our

school website at www.pwes.hcbe.net under

the **Parent and Student: Title 1 Family Engagement Tab.**

The purpose of the Title I Handbook is to provide our families with detailed information regarding what it means to be a part of a Title I school. The handbook is also a critical component in helping to build a strong relationship between home and school. The documents included in the handbook are the *Parent's Guide to Title I, The Connection (Family Engagement Plan and Grade Level Compact), Right to Know Teacher and Paraprofessional Qualifications, Copyright Piracy Awareness and Complaint Procedure.*

If you prefer a printed copy of the handbook, please indicate in the space provided and we will gladly provide one for you.

Additionally, we ask that you sign and date acknowledging access and agreement to the School-Family Compact then return the form to your child's school.

Please choose one of the following options:

_____ I will access the Title I Handbook on the school's webpage. I do not wish to receive a printed copy.

_____ I would like to receive a printed, hard copy of the Title I Handbook. Please send one home with my child.

School-Parent Compact Signatures:

School Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____ Grade: _____

To be completed by school personnel only

Hard copy of Title I Handbook given to _____

Student Name

Date: _____ By: _____

School Personnel