Centerville Elementary School Title 1 Family Engagement Handbook



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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 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?

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

Westside Elementary Northside Elementary David Perdue Primary

Miller Elementary Perry Middle Shirley Hills Elementary

Morningside Elementary Russell Elementary



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.

Centerville Elementary School

THE CONNECTION

Family-School Engagement Plan and Compact 2023-2024



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What is Title I?

Centerville Elementary 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 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

Centerville 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.

- Progress Reports and Report Cards
- School Website
- Infinite Campus
- Social Media
- School Messenger call-outs
- Emails
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Class Dojo

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) 953-0400.



ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Centerville Elementary 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 31,2023
Annual Title I Meeting	Informational	August 24, 2023
ABC's of Elementary School	Curriculum Standards	August 24, 2023
Grits with Grands	Literacy	September 11-12, 2023
Behind the Scenes at the Library	Literacy	October 17, 2023
Donuts and Grown Ups	Curriculum-Math	October 2, November 3, 2023
Tech Talk	Technology	November 9, 2023
Night at the Museum	Curriculum-Math/Sci	TBD
Amazing Race	Curriculum/Testing	January 2024
ESOL Parent Night	ESOL	TBA
Parent Action Team	Parent Action Team	December 6, 2023
GMAS Breakfast	Testing/Assessment	TBA
GMAS Information Newsletter	Testing/Assessment	February /March
Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey	SDM	February 2024
Voices for the Vision	SDM	March 2024
Away to K	Transition	May 2024
Family Imagination Station	Curriculum Standards	Weekly

Centerville Elementary wants to help all our families participate in our family engagement activities. If you need assistance such as childcare or transportation to attend the events listed in this plan, please let us know. Contact our Family Engagement Liaison for more information and assistance.

Leasa Kurek(478) 953-0400 leasa.kurek@hcbe.net

Family Engagement Liaison

Our FEL is **Leasa Kurek**. 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.

Office Phone: 478-953-0400 Email: leasa.kurek@hcbe.net

Parent Resource Center

Visit the Parent Resource Center to get information and resource materials to use at home with your child.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L4i1 Yn4YYljV6DdfYnE3e0W6708-PanmGO-XJ-O-IGw/edit?usp=sharing

Volunteer opportunities



Parents with an approved Houston County background check and parent volunteer training are invited to help at Centerville Elementary any time. Parents are welcome to schedule a time with their student's teacher to observe classroom activities.

For information about volunteering or to set up a time to observe a classroom contact leasa.kurek@hcbe.ne 478-953-0400

Our Pledge to our Parents and Families

Centerville Elementary 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, Centerville 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 and 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 in order to respond to parents' request for additional support for engagement activities.

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 Milestone assessment scores.

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

2023-2024 School Goals

Increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level as measured by the milestones assessment.

Increase by at least 3 percentage points the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at the distinguished learner level in all subjects measured by milestone assessment scores.

Grade Level: K

Focus Areas

Demonstrate the understanding of the organization and basic features of print.

Use count sequences within 100 to count forward and backward in sequence.

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

CES Staff will

- Offer family-oriented activities concentrating on Kindergarten Reading and Math Standards.
- Provide students with a bag of books.
- Supply parents a "Reading Tool Kit" to help students in the home.
- Distribute "IReady" and Google Classroom log on information to use at the home.
- Inform parents about the school website which will have a Kindergarten link with the information about what is happening in the classroom and provide access to learning.

CES Families will

- Attend family-oriented activities held at the school.
- Encourage and help your student read from their bag of books nightly.
- Help your student use their "Reading Tool Kit" at home.
- Assist your child with logging on to "IReady" and Google Classroom.
- Check out the Kindergarten link on the school website to see copies of classroom newsletters and find fun learning activities you and your student can do at home.

- Take home notices about our learning events at school.
- Read from your bag of books every day.
- Use your "Reading Tool Kit" at home.
- Practice your skills using "IReady" and Google Classroom.
- Utilize the Kindergarten Link for fun activities to add additional learning support.

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 Milestone assessment scores.

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

2023-2024 School Goals

Increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level as measured by the milestones assessment.

Increase by at least 3 percentage points the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at the distinguished learner level in all subjects measured by milestone assessment scores.

Grade Level: 1

Focus Areas

Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

Explain the relationship addition and subtraction and apply the properties of operations to solve real life addition and subtraction problems within 20.

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

CES Staff will

- Offer family-oriented activities concentrating on first grade Reading and Math Standards.
- Provide students with a bag of books.
- Supply parents "Reading Strategies" to help students in the home.
- Distribute SSO portal log on information to use at home for instruction and support.
- Inform parents about the school website for school information.

CES Families will

- Attend family-oriented activities held at the school.
- Encourage and help your student read from their bag of books nightly.
- Help your student use their "Reading Strategies" and instructional websites for additional practice.
- Assist your child with logging on to "IReady" and Google Classroom.
- Utilize the school website for additional student support from First grade educational links.

- Take home notices about our learning events at school.
- Read from your bag of books every day.
- Use your "Reading Strategies.
- Practice your skills using "IReady "and Google Classroom.
- Students will access educational links for additional learning support.

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 Milestone assessment scores.

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

2023-2024 School Goals

Increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level as measured by the milestones assessment.

Increase by at least 3 percentage points the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at the distinguished learner level in all subjects measured by milestone assessment scores.

Grade Level: 2

Focus Areas

Fluently add and subtract within 20 using a variety of mental, part-whole strategies.

Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

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

CES Staff will

- Offer family-oriented activities concentrating on second grade Reading and Math Standards.
- Provide students with a bag of books.
- Supply parents with a "Help Foster Reading Strategy Cards" to help students in the home.
- Distribute "IReady" and Google Classroom log on information to use at the home.
- Send home monthly Math Newsletter.
- Inform parents about the school website which will have a second grade link with the information about what is happening in the classroom and provide access to learning.

CES Families will

- Attend family-oriented activities held at the school.
- Encourage and help your student read from their bag of books nightly.
- Help your student use their "Help Foster Reading Strategy Cards" and math newsletters at home.
- Assist your child with logging on to "IReady" and Goggle Classroom.
- Utilize the activities in the Math Newsletter for additional support.
- Check out the second grade link on the school website to see copies of classroom newsletters and find fun learning activities you and your student can do at home.

- Take home notices about our learning event at school.
- Read from your bag of books nightly.
- Use your "Help Foster Reading Strategy Cards" and math newsletters at home.
- Practice your skills using "IReady" and Google Classroom.
- Utilize activities in the Monthly Newsletter.
- Complete activities on second grade link.

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 Milestone assessment scores.

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

2023-2024 School Goals

Increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level as measured by the milestones assessment.

Increase by at least 3 percentage points the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at the distinguished learner level in all subjects measured by milestone assessment scores.

Grade Level: 3

Focus Areas

Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of text, referring explicitly to the text as basis for the answers.

Use whole strategies to represent and solve real-life problems involving addition and subtraction with whole numbers within 10,000.

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

CES Staff will

- Offer Family-oriented activities concentrating on third grade Reading and Math Standards.
- Provide students with bag of bools.
- Distribute "IReady" and Google Classroom log on information to use at home.
- Inform parents of happenings in the classroom and provide access to learning via Class Dojo.
- Provide unit study guides for Social Studies and Science.
- Send home monthly Math Newsletters.

CES Families will

- Attend family-oriented activities held at the school.
- Encourage and help your student read from their bag of books nightly.
- Assist your child with logging on to "IReady" and Google Classroom.
- Help your child with learning activities provided through Class Dojo.
- Assist your child with study guides.
- Help your child with activities in the Math Newsletter.

- Take home notices about our learning event at school.
- Read from your bag of books every day.
- Practice your skills using "IReady" and Google Classroom.
- Complete activities or assignments through Class Dojo.
- Use the Social Studies and Science unit study guides for additional support.
- Complete activities in the monthly Math Newsletter.

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 Milestone assessment scores.

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

2023-2024 School Goals

Increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level as measured by the milestones assessment.

Increase by at least 3 percentage points the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at the distinguished learner level in all subjects measured by milestone assessment scores.

Grade Level: 4

Focus Areas

Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

Fluently answer and subtract multi-digit numbers to solve practical, mathematical problems using place value understanding, properties of operations, and relationships between operations.

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

CES Staff will

- Offer Family-oriented activities concentrating on fourth grade Reading and Math Standards.
- Provide students with a bag of books.
- Supply parents and students with study guides for all tests.
- Distribute "IReady", "Epic" and "IXL" log on information to use at the home.
- Send home Unit Study Guides to help students in the home.
- Inform parents about the school website which will have a fourth grade link with the information about what is happening in the classroom and provide access to learning.

CES Families will

- Attend family-oriented activities held at the school.
- Encourage and help your student read from their bag of books nightly.
- Help your student use their study guides for all tests.
- Assist your child with logging on to "IReady", "Epic" and "IXL".
- Assist your child with Unit Study Guides.
- Check out the fourth grade link on the school website to see copies of classroom newsletters and find fun learning activities you and your student can do at home.

- Take home notices about our learning event at school.
- Read from your bag of books every day.
- Use your "study guides for every test.
- Practice your skills using "IReady", "Epic" and "IXl.".
- Review Unit Study Guides to help build understanding.
- Use the fourth grade link on the school website for fun activities.

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 Milestone assessment scores.

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

2023-2024 School Goals

Increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level as measured by the milestones assessment.

Increase by at least 3 percentage points the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at the distinguished learner level in all subjects measured by milestone assessment scores.

Grade Level: 5

Focus Areas

Increase the percentage of students reading on or above grade level as measured by the milestones assessment.

Increase by at least 3 percentage points the number of students in grades 3-5 performing at the distinguished learner level in all subjects measured by milestone assessment scores.

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

CES Staff will

- Offer Family-oriented activities concentrating on fifth grade Reading and Math Standards.
- Provide students with a bag of books.
- Supply families with Unit Study Guides, Fluency Sentences and an Interactive Notebook to use in the home.
- Distribute "IReady" and Google Classroom log on information to use at the home.
- Inform parents about the school website which will have a fifth grade link with the information about what is happening in the classroom and provide access to learning.

CES Families will

- Attend family-oriented activities held at the school.
- Encourage and help your student read from their bag of books nightly.
- Help your student use their Unit Study Guides, Fluency Sentences and an Interactive Notebook
- Assist your child with logging on to "IReady" and Google Classroom
- Check out the fifth grade link on the school website to see copies of classroom newsletters and find fun learning activities you and your student can do at home.

- Take home notices about our learning event at school.
- Read from your bag of books every day.
- Use your study guides, fluency sentences and interactive notebooks at home.
- Practice your skills using "IReady" and Google Classroom.
- Utilize the fifth grade link on the school website to work through fun activities.



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August 16, 2023

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.commonsensemedia.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. Mark Scott
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.



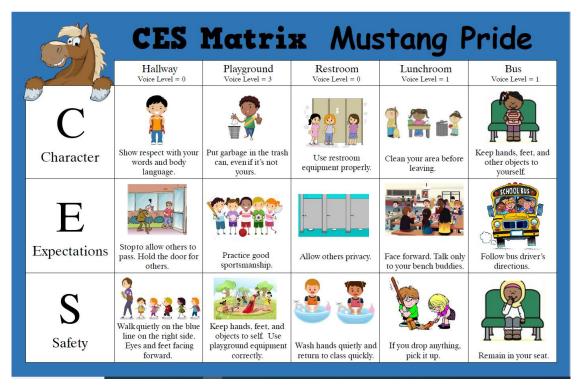
What is PBIS?

(Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)

PBIS seeks to reduce or eliminate poor behavior schoolwide through the encouragement of positive behaviors.

Benefits of PBIS

The goal of PBIS is to create a positive school climate, in which students learn and grow with a feeling of safety, school pride, and respect.



Title I Handbook Acknowledgement Form

Centerville Elementary School

Dear Families and Students,

For the 2023-2024 school year, our Title I Handbook is available for your viewing on our school website at www.ces.hcbe.net under the Title I 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 hom with my child.
School-Parent Compact Signatures:
School Representative Signature: Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature:
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		