

Northside High School

2026 - 2027

Family Engagement Guidebook



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

Northside High School

THE CONNECTION

Family-School Engagement Plan and Compact
2026-2027



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What is Title I?

Northside High 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

Northside High 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
- HCDS App
- Infinite Campus
- School Website
- Social Media
- School Messenger callouts
- Emails
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Monthly Family 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 may be scheduled directly with your child's teacher or through the Main office at (478) 929-7858.

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Northside High 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
9 th Grade/New Student Meet & Greet	Transition	August 3, 2026
NHS Clubs & Organizations Fair	Welcoming Climate	August 3, 2026
ESOL Family Night	ESOL	September 1, 2026
Annual Title I Meeting	Informational/Welcoming	September 15, 2026
Let's Talk Testing	Testing	September 15, 2026
Tea with Ms. Terry	Shared Decision Making	September 29, 2026
ESOL Cultural Night	Welcoming Climate	October 8, 2026
Math Matters – From Grades to Spades – Casino Night at Northside	Math	October 22, 2026
Financial Aid Night	Transition	November 9, 2026
Literacy Night	Literacy	November 17, 2026
Blind Date with a Book		
AG Eats & Culinary Treats present Technology Tuesday	Technology	December 8, 2026
Families Finishing FAFSA	Transition	January 14, 2027
Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey	Shared Decision Making	March 2027
Academic Evening Advisement	Monitoring Progress	March 2027
8 th Grade Parent Information Night	Transition	March 2027
Voices for the Vision Parent Meeting	Shared Decision Making	March 2027
Data with Dr. Dykes	Shared Decision Making	April 29, 2027
Summer Feeding Program	Community Collaboration	On- Going

NHS 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.

Family Engagement Liaison ~ Nyquell Terry - nyquell.terry@hcbe.net / 478.215.8920 EXT. 2646



Family Engagement Liaison

Our FEL is **Nyquell Terry**. 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.

478.988.6200 ext. 2646
nyquell.terry@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.

Front Lobby
Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm

Volunteer opportunities



We welcome and encourage parental involvement. Volunteers are required to have an approved background check on file in order to participate in most areas.

Our Pledge to our Parents and Families

Northside High 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, Northside High 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 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

Goal 1: NHS will increase CCRPI score by 3% for the 2026-2027 school year.

Goal 2: PBIS will emerge to distinguished by the end the 2026-2027 School Year.

Goal 3: Increase the overall growth and student achievement percentiles amongst 9th and 10th grade students on MAP assessment in reading and math

Focus Areas

Literacy

Math

Graduation

PBIS

School Culture and Climate

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

Northside High will

- * Host literacy and math family events to support student learning and provide exposure to various strategies and methods of teaching and learning.
- * Train parents on the use of technology resources, such as Infinite Campus to monitor grades and attendance and academic based tech resources.
- * Keep families informed through our website, social media, email, phone calls, texts (HCSD mobile app), and newsletters.
- * Invite parents to attend Evening Advisement to review graduation plans and graduation requirements.
- * Provide opportunities for the school and community to work together as partners.

Families will

- * Attend and actively participate in academic events to gain insight on how to support student learning at home.
- * Utilize Infinite Campus to monitor student progress, grades, and attendance on a regular basis.
- * Stay informed through our website, social media, email, phone calls, texts (HCSD mobile app), and newsletters
- * Attend Evening Advisement to assist your child in class selections, review graduation requirements, and ensure that their child is on track to graduate on time.
- * Support the school's effort to partner with families and the community. Show up and be present.

Student will

- * Remind parents and attend academic-based family events to help support their learning.
- * Keep up with their grades by checking Infinite Campus frequently.
- * Attend Evening Advisement in order to make informed decisions about class schedules as well as graduation and post-secondary education and workforce opportunities.
- * Stay informed through our website, social media, email, phone calls, texts (HCSD mobile app), and newsletters
- * Support the school's effort to partner with families and the community. Show up and be present.



Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Richard Rogers

Board Members

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August 4, 2026

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 a 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

What is PBIS?

- Stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- Moves schools from being punitive to more positive
- Helps to prevent problem behavior
- Improves relationships between students and teachers

Establish a leadership team of staff, teachers & school administrators



Develop school-wide rules and expectations

Family Engagement Guidebook

Acknowledgement Form

Dear Northside Families and Students,

For the 2026-2027 school year, our Family Engagement Guidebook is available for your viewing through links on our school website, Facebook page and HCSD app. The purpose of the FE Guidebook is to provide our families with detailed information regarding what it means to be a part of a Title I school. The guidebook is also a critical component in helping to build a strong relationship between home and school. The documents included in the guidebook 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.*

Please sign and date this form to acknowledge receipt of information regarding access to the guidebook and your agreement to the partnership described in the School-Family Compact. Please return the completed form to your child's school.

Please initial after the statements below:

I am aware that I may access a digital copy of the Family Engagement Guidebook through links on my child's school webpage, Facebook page, or HCSD app. I am also aware that a printed copy may be obtained at any time from the Parent Resource Center at my child's school.

Initial here: _____

Please sign and date below:

School-Parent Compact Partnership

School Representative Signature:

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: _____

Student Name (print):

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____ Grade: _____