# PARKWOOD ELEMENTARY



## 2023-2024

# TITLE I HANDBOOK

Mrs. Kelly Munn, Principal

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## A Parent's Guide to Title I

#### What is Title !?

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 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

## Which Houston County schools are Title I schools?

David Perdue Primary	Centerville Elementary	CB Watson Primary
Northside Middle	Northside Elementary	Northside High
Warner Robins High	Tucker Elementary	Thomson Middle



estside Elementary	
Perry Middle	

**Eagle Springs Elementary** 

**Huntington Middle** 

**Pearl Stephens Elementary** 

Parkwood Elementary

Warner Robins Middle

Morningside Elementary	Miller Elementary
Shirley Hills Elementary	Russell Elementary

## What supports are provided through Title I?

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

## 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:

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







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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.

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

- 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.

### Parkwood Elementary

### THE CONNECTION

Family-School Engagement Plan and Compact 2023-2024



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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 engagement plan and compact.

## THE CONNECTION

#### What is it?

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

#### How is it revised?

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

#### Who is it for?

of students served in Neglected and Delinquent Centers 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 The Connection is for all students attending a Title I School and their families. We family members with limited English, with disabilities, of migratory children and caretakers

#### Where is it available?

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

### 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.

- Progress Reports and Report Cards
- School Website (pwes.hcbe.net)
- Social Media (Facebook)
- School Messenger callouts
- Emails
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Classroom Dojo
- Talking Points (EL Families)
- 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

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

Event	Focus	Date
nd Greet	Welcoming	July 31, 2023
Open House	Curriculum	August 22,2023
Annual Title I Meeting	Informational	August 22, 2023
ESOL Parent Workshop	ESOL	August 24, 2023
Hot-Dog We're Reading	Curriculum -Literacy	Sept. 7, 2023
Parkwood and Parents	Parent Action Team	Sept. 27, 2023
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Curriculum	October 6, 2023
I-ready and Map Workshop	Testing/Assessment	Oct. 19, 2023
Math Jam	Curriculum - Math	Nov. 9, 2023
Georgia Milestones Workshop	Testing/Assessment	March 21, 2024
Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey	SDM	February 2024
Voices for the Vision	SDM	March 2024
5th Graders: Welcome to 6th Grade	Transition	April 2024
Kindergarten, Here We Come!	Transition	May 2024

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

Tracey Callahan (478) 988-6200 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, Student Council, PTO, and event volunteers.
- 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 achievement, Parkwood Elementary pledges to support our students and their families as the equal partners in their child's education. To reach our goal of the highest quality of student foundation of the school. We will:

- and other activities is published in both English and Spanish and posted on Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings the website or on social media.
- Provide training for staff on the value and contribution of parents, on ways to requests four times during the school year. on providing information in a friendly format and on responding to parent improve communication, on ideas to build strong partnerships with families,
- 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.
- 4 school website, newsletters, and flyers Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events through school messenger, social media,
- 4 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.
- 4 Provide information for parents to better understand Georgia Standards of Excellence and assessments for all grade levels
- 4 Collaborate with stakeholders and community/business leaders to increase awareness of family and community engagement programs
- 4 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.

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.

## 2023-2024 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.

- 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

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

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### 1st Grade 💸

V

#### > Decoding Skills

Focus Areas

- Comprehension Strategies
- Word Study

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#### 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.

- 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 parents about the Academic Events and Activities.

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 💸

#### Focus Areas

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- Decoding Skills
- Reading and Comprehension Strategies
- Word Study

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#### 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.

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- Give parents flyers, newsletters, and all other correspondents.
- Remind my parents about Academic Events.

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- V Studies from 25% to 35%. Increase percentage of students ELA, Math, Science and Social performing at the Proficient Learners Level on the GMAS in

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 💸



#### **Focus Areas**

- V Math Fluency and Problem Solving
- Reading Skills and Comprehension

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

#### Parkwood will

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

#### Family will

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

#### 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

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V Remind their parents about Academic Events

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### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 💸



#### **Focus Areas**

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

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#### Parkwood will

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

#### Family will

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

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

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Focus Areas

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

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#### Parkwood will

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

#### Family will

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

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



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# Right to Know Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Dear Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)

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

dana.h.morris@hcbe.net 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

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

Sincerely,

Dana Morris, Director of Federal Programs

## Title I Complaint Procedures

will be selected by the district. Hearing requests must be made to the Title Coordinator identified in Step II below. 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 time and request an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or 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

#### Step I

decision within ten (10) calendar days of the filing of the complaint. complaint is based. Any witness or other evidence should be provided at this time. The administrator will conduct an investigation and render a written 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

#### Step II

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 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 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

Coordinator will render a written decision within ten (10) calendar days after the meeting. 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

#### Step III

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

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.

# **Copyright Piracy Awareness Notification**

websites that may be helpful in educating children concerning copyright piracy regulations are included below 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 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

to do or let other do any of the following things: 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

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

this right. One major limitation is the Doctrine of Fair Use 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

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.



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



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

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

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 Students will be acknowledged with incentives when they demonstrate an understanding of expected support them.

## Title I Handbook Acknowledgement Form



Dear Families and Students,

For the 2023-2024 school year, our Title I Handbook is available for your viewing on our school website at <a href="https://www.pwes.hcbe.net">www.pwes.hcbe.net</a> 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.

Date

Hard copy of Title I Handbook given to

To be completed by school personnel only

Student Name

School Personnel

## Please choose one of the following options:

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

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

## School-Parent Compact Signatures: