

Kingsland Elementary School Parent Family Engagement Plan

2017 – 2018 School Year



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What is Title I?

Kingsland Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as 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 policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Kingsland Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Kingsland Elementary School values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Kingsland Elementary School will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Kingsland Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by student to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

What feedback indicated? The yearly survey showed that parents wanted more information on testing and preparation, helping with homework, and understanding the state academic standards followed by improving reading and math skills. The survey showed that parents preferred to receive important information from newsletters/flyers or automated phone calls. Parents further indicated that they preferred receiving information instead of attending workshops.

Who is it for? All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Kingsland will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of students with disabilities, parents of migratory children, as well as guardians of children served through the Methodist Children's Home. Kingsland Elementary School will offer childcare and transportation to the extent practicable upon request.

Where is it available? Once adopted, the plan is posted on-line on the school website, in the school resource room, in the front office.

Elementary School Promotion Standards

Grades 1-5

Students must pass language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies and connections courses as they apply.

All students in grades 1-2 must have a passing final grade of "2" or higher in language arts and mathematics; and "S" for satisfactory in science and social studies.

- All students in grades 3 – 5 must have passing final grades of 70% or higher in language arts, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- 3rd Grade students must also pass the Reading of the Georgia Milestones EOG.
- 5th Grade students must also pass the Reading AND Mathematics portions of the Georgia Milestones EOG. Click [HERE](#) for further information

Parent Resource Center

Located in the media center, it is stocked with a variety of materials and resources to help your child achieve academic success. *Open school days from 8:30 – 4:00.*

2017-18 District Goals

- To increase ELA GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance of 3-12 grade students from 51% to 54 % in 2018.
- To increase Math GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance of 3-12 grade students from 55% to 58 % in 2018.
- To increase Social Studies GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance of 3-12 grade students by 3% in 2018.
- To increase Science GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance of 3-12 grade students by 3% in 2018.

2017-18 School Goals

1. Increase the literary and informational reading level of all students
2. Increase the language arts achievement of all students
3. Increase mathematics achievement of all students
4. Increase the science achievement of all students

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Camden County Schools has adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the county's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are –

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

School-Parent Compacts

- ✓ As part of this plan, Kingsland Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers.
- ✓ Parents will retain a copy of the compact for their use.
- ✓ Additionally the compact can be viewed on-line, and will be provided to parents upon request. Teachers will review the compacts with parents during conferences.

Title I Meetings

Kingsland Elementary School invites all parents to participate in scheduled meetings, to share ideas and ways to involve other parents, and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Meetings are held throughout the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I meetings, please contact Dr. Karon Ellis, (912)729 - 5246

Stay Informed

Please visit the KES website: <http://KES.camden.k12.ga.us> for information on upcoming events, school activities, parent information, Title I and school documents and to find links to teacher e-mail and websites.



Please like us on Facebook



Parental Involvement

Kingsland Elementary School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents have the right to know the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals
- That parents know there is a grievance procedure & how to access it
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child including Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting, Annual Title I Meeting, Monthly School Council meetings;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.
- Kingsland Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or e-mail us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Kingsland Elementary is Branching Out!

Kingsland Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and requested languages (per home language survey), and posted on the school website and included in school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct on-going staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Share information to assist parents in understanding the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Assist parents in setting up parent PowerSchool e-mail alert messages.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, via phone messages, Facebook, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer information on relevant topics.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Assist parents and students in transitions between elementary and middle and middle and high school.

Let's Get Together!

Kingsland Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

- 1. KES School Council Meetings:** School council meetings will be held during the 2017-18 school year on the following dates at 11:30 a.m. in room 159 on the following dates: July 29, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 13, Feb. 26, May 30. All parents are encouraged to attend.
- 2. PTO Meetings:** The 2017-18 KES PTO meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month on the following dates and times: 10/1/17 @ 2:20pm; 11/2/17 @ 6:00pm; 12/9/17 @ 2:20pm; 2/1/18 @ 2:20pm; 3/1/18 @ 6:00pm; 4/13/18 @ 2:20pm. Parents who would like to become involved in PTO should call Dr. Ellis at 912-729-5246.
- 3. KES Open House:** 4-6 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016. All parents are invited to tour the school, get information, and meet their child's teacher prior to the first day of school.
- 4. Kindergarten Parent Orientation:** Tuesday, August 10, at 5:30 p.m.
- 5. Pre-K Parent Orientation:** Tuesday, Aug 9 at 6:00 p.m., room 159.
- 6. Title One Stakeholder Meeting:** Monday, Sept 25 in room 159. Topics to be addressed: Title One Overview and Eligibility, Test Data, Critical Issues and Action Plans, School Improvement Plan/Parent Involvement Plan, Title One Budget, Parent Involvement Survey Results, Program Evaluation, School-Parent Compact.
- 7. Title One Annual Meeting:** Friday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m. in room 159. All interested parents and community members are invited to attend. This meeting is held to adopt the Parent Family Engagement Plan and the School-Parent Compact.
- 8. Fourth grade Solar System Tours:** End of the Year
- 9. Night at the Museum:** to be announced.
- 10. Math and Reading Parent Workshops:** One parent workshop per semester will be held. Please plan to attend. Dates will be announced.
- 11. KES Fall Festival:** this will be held in the month of October 19, 2017 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.
- 12. Terrific Kids Programs:** The Terrific Kids Program will be held on the following dates: Oct. 13, Dec. 08, Feb. 23, and May 11. Programs will be held at 9:00/10:00 a.m. in the gym. Teachers recognize students for outstanding achievements, helping others, being role models for other students, and good character. The St. Marys Kiwanis Club sponsors this program.
- 13. Field Day:** March 23. Parents are invited to come to volunteer and help run stations.
- 14. Other activities and events will be announced.**