

**Kingsland Elementary School
Parent Involvement Plan
for Shared Student Success
2016-2017 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Kingsland Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Kingsland Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Kingsland Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Kingsland Elementary will support parent 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 thought that e-mail (86% surveyed) automated phone calls (75%), and newsletters/flyers (74%) were the best ways that the school could communicate with them. Additionally, parents want after school/evening workshops on how they can help with homework and also help their child improve their reading and math skills. Additionally, parents would like information on how to prepare their child for tests and also effective parenting skills. Activities will be planned to address these needs during the 2016-17 school year.

Who is it for? All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Kingsland Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of all parents, including those with limited English, parents of students with disabilities, parents of homeless and migratory children, as well as guardians of neglected or delinquent children.

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

2016-2017 District Goals

- To increase Math GMAS (Georgia Milestones Assessment System) performance at the elementary (53% to 56%), middle (43% to 46%), and high school (56.5% to 59.5%) levels.
- To increase ELA GMAS performance at the elementary (45% to 48%), middle (42% to 45%), and high school (50% to 53%) levels.

Parent Resource Center-open 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2016-17 School Goals

To increase the percentage of students performing at the proficient and distinguished level on the 2017 math EOG from 57% to 60%.

To increase the percentage of students performing at the proficient and distinguished level on the 2017 ELA EOG from 44% to 47%.

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 of 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.

Parent Involvement Standards

Camden County Schools have 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

Kingsland Elementary 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 the school.

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Parental Involvement

Kingsland Elementary 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 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Kingsland Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call (912-729-5246) or email (ccurry@camden.k12.ga.us) if you have any questions or if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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, 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 parent workshops and information on relevant topics.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Assist parents and students in transitions between early childhood programs and elementary school and between elementary and middle school.

Let's Get Together!

Kingsland Elementary 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. **Kindergarten APTT Meeting Dates:**
Team Meeting 1: Sept. 13, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Team Meeting 2: Dec. 6, 2016, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Team Meeting 3: March 14, 2017, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Family Focus Group: May 4, 2017, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
2. **KES School Council Meetings:** School council meetings will be held during the 2016-17 school year on the following dates at 11:30 a.m. in the front office conference room: July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 28, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, April 24, May 30 (Tuesday after Memorial Day). All parents are encouraged to attend.
3. **PTO Meetings:** The 2016-17 KES PTO is currently in the process of planning their meetings for the upcoming year. Parents who would like to become a PTO Officer or become further involved in PTO should call Mr. Curry at 912-729-5246.
4. **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.
5. **Kindergarten Parent Orientation:** Tuesday, August 9, at 5:30 p.m.
6. **Pre-K Parent Orientation:** Tuesday, Aug 9 at 6:00 p.m., room 159.
7. **Title One Stakeholder Meeting:** Monday, Aug 11 at 6:00 p.m. 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.
8. **Title One Annual Meeting:** Thursday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. in room 159. All interested parent and community members are invited to attend. 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, School-Parent Compact.
9. **Fourth grade Solar System Tours:** to be announced.
10. **Night at the Museum and Greek Night:** to be announced.
11. **Math and Reading Parent Workshops:** Dates will be announced (late September-early October)
12. **KES Fall Festival:** this will be held in the month of October.
13. **Terrific Kids Programs:** The Terrific Kids Program will be held on the following dates: Oct. 28, Dec. 16, Feb. 17, and May 12. Programs will be held at 9:00 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.
14. **Field Day:** May 12. Parents are invited to come to volunteer and help run stations.