

Tucker Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2017-2018 School Year



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What is Title I?

Tucker 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 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 parental engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

Tucker Elementary School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Tucker Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to improve student learning. Tucker Elementary School values the contributions and engagement 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 Tucker 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 and revised? Tucker Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan and the family engagement budget. 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 post feedback throughout the year. Annually a Parent Review of Title I documents is held. Shareholder feedback cards are provided to parents at events or are available throughout the year for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent engagement. Parents can also give feedback during our Parent Action Team meetings, at events and anytime throughout the school year. Parents are welcome to discuss their concerns with the school principal, Dr. Kim Halstead or the Family Engagement Coordinator, Elaine Herbst. Unsatisfactory comments regarding the Title I Schoolwide Plan, will be submitted to the district.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Tucker Elementary School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? The Family Engagement Plan is included in the Title I Parent Handbook given to all students at the beginning of the school year. Parents of students entering after the start of school will receive a copy of the Title I Parent Handbook upon registration. Copies of the Title I Parent Handbook including the Family Engagement Plan are on the school's website, in the front lobby, and available in the Family Resource Center located in the school front lobby.

Houston County District Achievement Goals:

- Increase the value of the overall district College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) score by 3% focusing on literacy, high quality standards-based instruction and Multi-Tier System of Supports.
- Increase the percentage of parents who feel their child's school provides various opportunities for engagement.

Tucker Elementary School Goals:

- Increase the percent of students in grades K-5 growing one or more HCLI reading bands to 100%.
- 100% of our students will grow three or more levels on the spelling inventory in grades K-5.
- 100% of students will master grade level power math standards as measured by common grade level assessments.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Tucker Elementary School 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 during our annual Review of Title I Documents meetings and our Parent Action Team meeting. The school-parent compacts are kept on file at the school. The compact will be reviewed during parent conferences.

Let's Get Together!

Tucker Elementary School will host the following events to build family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Events will be held at various times and in various formats to accommodate parent schedules.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 17, 2016

Parents are invited to come to the school to learn more about our Title I program including our Parent Engagement Policy, the Schoolwide Plan, the School-Parent Compacts and the parent rights and about Title I requirements. Parents will be notified by multiple communication means.

Readers are Leaders (HCLI Parent Engagement)

Parents are invited to come to the school for an overview of HCLI and strategies for how parents can help children grow in their reading levels.

Tucker Informer – September 2017 through May 2018

A newsletter sent home for parents that focuses on providing information and tips for helping their student with reading, math, and science. Activities, workshops, and event dates are also included.

Open Classroom

Parents are invited to attend the classroom at designated times to learn alongside their student.

Word Work

Parents are invited to come to the school for an overview of Word Work, spelling inventory system, with a homework connection piece.

Math Mania Newsletter – September 2017 through May 2018

A newsletter sent home for parents that focus on grade specific math strategies at home.

How to Ensure Your Child's Success on the Georgia Milestones

Parents are invited to come to the school to learn about the basic function of the Georgia Milestones tests. This event is more tuned to our 3-5th grade parents but all are welcome to attend. Parents learn how to sign on the program, assess tests, and review student reports and how to interpret results.

Parent Teacher and Student Conferences

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Parent Resources available August 2017 through May 2018

Parent resources are available to families looking for additional help or information on where to get needed assistance on a variety of topics. Located in the front lobby of the school.

Parent Action Team Meetings – August 2017 through May 2018

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

Parental and Family Engagement

Tucker Elementary School believes parent engagement is the participation of parents in meaningful, regular communication addressing student academic learning and other school activities. This communication is intended to ensure -

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively engaged 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.

Tucker Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Families can visit the Family Resource center, call or email the Family Engagement Coordinator – Elaine Herbst if you need assistance in order to participate in our programs.

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Tucker Elementary School is Branching Out!

Tucker Elementary School 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 Spanish as needed, posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents in an understandable language.
- ✓ The administrative team will conduct staff development throughout the year on parent engagement practices, respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities, and effective strategies for communication and build ties between home and school.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start, local daycares, and Perry Middle School to provide transitional activities that will help prepare students and their parents for transition from preschool to elementary school and elementary school to middle school.
- ✓ Share information for parents to better understand the curriculum used at the school, academic standards, understand individual academic assessment results, monitor their child's progress, and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through means such as call outs, social media school newsletters, invitations, school marquee, monthly school calendar and fliers.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement in areas such as literacy and using technology including the harms of copyright piracy.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to enhance the school family engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer information about literacy and computer classes for family members to further enhance educational levels.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities by collecting feedback from events and suggestion forms.

Tucker Elementary School – Where students lead the way!

Parent Engagements Standards

Tucker Elementary School and our parents have adopted the National PTA 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 the Community

School Community Team

Tucker Elementary School invites all parents to join the Parent Action Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during 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 Parent Action Team, please contact Elaine Herbst at (478) 988-6278 ext. 23280 or by email at elaine.herbst@hcbe.net or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

Parent Action Team

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Action Team
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Action Team
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Family Engagement: The Key to a Child's Failure or Success

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Comments _____

