

Heritage Academy Elementary School

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2025–2026 School Year



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What is Title 1?

Heritage Academy Elementary School is identified as a Title 1 school as part of Every Student Succeed Act of (ESSA). Title 1 is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high-quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support Parent Engagement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan with all Parents.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

The *Parent and Family Engagement Plan* describes how Heritage Academy will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Heritage Academy values the contributions and engagement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goals of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Heritage Academy will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it revised?

Heritage Academy invited all parents to attend our annual meeting to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Parents are invited to attend the School Plan, School-Parent Compact and School Budget meetings that are held in the spring. In addition, parents' input and comments regarding this plan are welcomed during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. Parents' feedback throughout the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. During the school year, parents can also give feedback during parent meetings and activities in our Parent Advisory Committee, Go Team and school meetings.

Who is it for?

All parents at Heritage Academy are encouraged and invited to fully participate in opportunities described in this plan. Heritage Academy 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?

At the beginning of the year, the *Parent & Family Engagement Plan* is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, a copy will be mailed to each home. Parents can also receive a copy of the *Parent & Family Engagement Plan* in the Parent Resource Center located in Room 120.

APS District Goals

Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

Heritage School Goals

Kindergarten: To improve sight word fluency for kindergarten.

First Grade: To improve sight word fluency for all first graders.

Second Grade: To improve reading fluency and comprehension for all second graders.

Grades 3rd-5th: To increase student performance in ELA, Math, and Writing.

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, *Heritage Academy* and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade level standards. The Compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers at various times during the year. The School-Parent Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Center located in Room 120.

Let's Get Together!

Heritage Academy will host the following events, workshops and activities to build the capacity for strong parent engagement and to foster a partnership between the school, parents and the community. As a collective team, we will focus on improving student academic achievement. Invitations will be sent to all parents.

First Semester Parent-Family Events and Meetings

Annual Title I Parent Meeting Open House

√We invite you to an opportunity to learn about our Title I Program, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compacts, and the Parents' Right to Know Process. You will also be able to meet your child's teachers and staff for the school year.

Town Hall Meeting

√Parents will get an opportunity to have dialogue with Principal Trennis Harvey regarding the school plan, curriculum and their child's progress.

Family Engagement Building School Staff Capacity Workshops

√Faculty and Staff members will have an opportunity to learn best practices in how to effectively engage and increase parent engagement in their classrooms.

Second Semester Parent-Family Events and Meetings

APPT Parents Engagement Meetings

√Parents will learn important tips on helping their children with the components of the Georgia Milestones Assessment, specifically in Math.

√Parents will be given information about the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) curriculum information from our guidance department as it relates specifically to Science.

School Parents and Family Engagement Workshops

√In preparing students to achieve academic success in their writing skills, parents will be equipped with the necessary tools to enhance their children's writing abilities.

√Parents will learn basic technology skills which will help increase their computer literacy

√Parents will review and provide feedback for the School-Parent Compact and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, which will be distributed to all parents and students throughout the year.

Transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten and Elementary to Middle School

√Parents will be given invaluable resources that will help their children transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten and Elementary to Middle School.

Parent & Family Engagement

Heritage Academy believes that Parent Engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement and other school activities, to include ensuring that:

- ❖ parents play an integral role in assisting with their child's learning.
- ❖ parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- ❖ 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.

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM -1:00 PM

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Heritage Academy is Branching Out!

Heritage Academy will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and help us reach our goals.

We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities are posted on the school's website and in the monthly school newsletter.
- ✓ Conduct staff development twice a year on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents; provide opportunities for parents to share ideas and staff to share best practices to increase parent and family engagement.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and early reading programs by sharing information and activities to help parents support their children in kindergarten. There will also be opportunities for parents and staff to partner with the feeder middle school to provide transition activities for students in 5th grade.
- ✓ Share information in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant training and presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their learning and ultimately, achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with the community to improve awareness and increase participation in the activities and events listed in the *School Parent and Family Engagement Plan*.

Go Team Committee

Heritage Academy invites all parents to join the Go Team Committee to share ideas and become involved in the decision-making process regarding school initiatives. The Go Team is also a great way for parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and community. The Go Team will meet at least four times during the school year. If parents are unable to attend meetings, they can submit their ideas or suggestions through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more and/or join the School Go Team, complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

Parental Engagement Standards

Heritage Academy and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

- ❖ Welcoming all families
- ❖ Communicating effectively
- ❖ Supporting student success
- ❖ Speaking up for every child
- ❖ Sharing power
- ❖ Collaborating with the community

Go Team

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Go Team Committee
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the Go Team Committee
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name:

Phone Number:

Email address:

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 our school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and return this form to the Main Office or the **Parent Liaison, Kewonnia Whitaker in the Parent Center (Room 120).**

Parent Name:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Comments & Suggestions: