

T.J. Perkerson Elementary

School Parent & Family Engagement
Plan/Policy
2025-2026 School Year



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Ignite Passion, Spark Change, and Fuel Success

What is Title I?

Title I, Part A is a federally funded program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. The purpose of Title I under the ESEA is to ensure that all children have 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. Perkerson Elementary is identified as a Title I School.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

The Parental Involvement Policy explains how Perkerson Elementary will establish and provide students with opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Here at Perkerson Elementary it is very important to have the input and involvement of our parents. We have partnerships that focus on the common goal of improving student achievement. This policy describes the different ways that Perkerson Elementary will support engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it developed?

Perkerson Elementary invited all parents to attend our annual School Wide Plan meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school-wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this policy are welcomed during the school year. The policy is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our PTA and GOTEAM Meetings.

Who is it for?

All parents at Perkerson Elementary are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this policy. Perkerson Elementary 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 Parental Involvement Policy is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, a copy will be sent home via the school's communication folder. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parental Involvement Policy in the front office.

School-Parent Compacts

The Perkerson Elementary School School-Parent Compact is a written agreement between our school community and parents. This compact explains how the school administrators and teachers, students, and families will work together to make sure all our students reach and maintain grade-level standards. Please review this School-Parent Compact with your child. The School-Parent Compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at different school-family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school.

2025-2026 Perkerson Goals

Math

Smart Goal 1/ Priority 1: By May 2026, Perkerson Elementary School will increase the percentage of students performing at Proficiency and Above in Math by 5+% for All Students, and for Students with Disabilities, as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

ELA

Smart Goal 2/ Priority 1: By May 2026, Perkerson Elementary School will increase the percentage of students performing at Proficient and Above by 5+% in ELA for All Students, and for Students with Disabilities, as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

Attendance

By May 2026, Perkerson Elementary School will increase the average daily student attendance rate by 5+%, as measured by Infinite Campus attendance reports.

Let's Get Together!

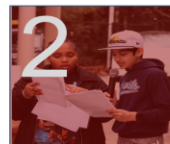
Perkerson Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement

- Perkerson Elementary Open House
- Annual Title Meeting
- Curriculum Night
- ELA Family Workshop
- Grandparents Day Breakfast
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Parent University
- Fall Festival
- Thanksgiving Food Drive and Family Dinner
- Clothing/Food Drive
- Math and STEAM Night
- Muffins for Mom
- Georgia Milestones Parent Workshop
- Doughnuts for Dad
- End-of-Year Awards and Family Celebrations

2025-2026 District Goals



Literacy is a fundamental right that opens the door to lifelong learning. By 2030, we will increase the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or above in ELA (GA Milestones) by **20 percentage points (Currently 36.2%)**.



Our students will thrive as critical-thinkers and problem-solvers. By 2030, we will increase the percentage of 8th grade students scoring proficient or above in Math (GA Milestones) by **20 percentage points (currently 28.6%)**.



Every APS students will graduate enrolled, enlisted, employed, or as an entrepreneur. By 2030, we will increase the percentage of students meeting at least one CCRPI College and Career Readiness Indicator by **20 percentage points (currently 43.3%)**.

Parental Involvement

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

- That parents play a role in assisting their child's learning;
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included 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 parental involvement plan.

Perkerson Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Parent Involvement Standards

Perkerson Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. The standards are:

**Welcoming All Families *Communicating Effectively *Supporting Student Success *Speaking Up for Every Child *Sharing Power *Collaborating with Community*

Perkerson Elementary is Branching Out!

Perkerson 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 –

- Share information and dates on the school newsletter, and website for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the 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 trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Collaborate with the community to improve awareness and increase participation of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

School Community Team

Perkerson Elementary invites ALL parents to join the Title I Parent Involvement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet 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 Title I Parent Involvement Committee, please contact the School Secretary Aarione Wright at awright@atlanta.k12.ga.us or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

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 and place in the Parent Suggestion box provided for you in the Main Office.

Perkerson's PTA

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join Perkerson's PTA
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more about joining Perkerson's PTA
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Communication Tools

Tool	Purpose	Frequency	Audience
ClassDojo	Digital messages, reminders, forms, and updates	Daily/As needed	All families
Coffee or Tea with Ms. Blackwell	Provide an opportunity for parents to discuss topics that impact the school and community.	Monthly	All families
School Website	Central hub for calendar, staff contacts, resources	Weekly updates	Public
Printed Newsletters	Highlight events, programs, student achievements, and curriculum	Monthly	All families
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Discuss student progress/ Data Talks	2x per year (minimum)	Individual parents
Family Engagement Nights	Title I programs, literacy/math nights, Parent University- Academic support	Quarterly	All families
Phone Calls/Text Alerts	Urgent notifications, attendance follow-up	As needed	All families or Targeted families as needed
Social Media (Facebook, Instagram)	Celebrate school culture, announce events	3x per week	Public & parents
School Marquee	Reminders about events, testing, holidays	Weekly	School community
Home Visits (via Parent Liaison or Staff)	Build rapport, support attendance/family needs	As needed	High-priority families