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Title I Annual Meeting

Park Creek Elementary

Will Esters- Principal

Fall 2023

Items we will discuss today:

1. Title I Schoolwide Program
2. Our Curriculum
3. Our Assessments
4. Parent and Family Engagement Plan
5. School Compact
6. Feedback

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting for all parents for the purpose of...

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I
- Explaining the requirements of Title I
- Explaining curriculum and assessments
- Explaining your rights as parents to be involved

What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children most in need of educational help. The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.

Georgia Department of Education. (2012). *A Parent's Guide to Title I* [Brochure].

How does our school participate in the Title I Program?

- Our school is designated as a Schoolwide Program which means that all students can benefit from Title I funding.

Purpose of a Title I Schoolwide Program

The purpose of schoolwide Title I program is to improve the entire educational program in a school which should result in improving the academic achievement of all students, particularly the lowest-achieving students. The goal of such a program is to assist those students to demonstrate proficiency on academic standards.

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Basically, every event, intervention, dollar, or person, that falls under the Title I umbrella must be related to student achievement.

Title I Schoolwide Program Goal

In short --- our goals are to provide the extra support needed to help kids get better in all content areas (ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies)

Intent of Title I

Title I money is used to provide services over and above those services all other students receive.

- **Title I is for:**
 - Reading/Language Arts/English
 - Math
 - Science and Social Studies
- **Title I funds cannot be used for:**
 - Foreign languages
 - Art, Music, Health and PE
 - Gifted and Talented
 - Parties or Celebrations

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Parent and Family Engagement

What is required by law for parent and family engagement?

- Dalton Public Schools is required to have a district Parent and Family Engagement Policy that addresses student achievement.
- All schools are required to have a school Parent and Family Engagement Policy that addresses the goals we have for student achievement.
- All schools are required to have a School-Parent Compact that includes ways that the school, parents, and students can help improve student achievement.

All of these documents for each school and the district were created with feedback from parents, students, and teachers. These documents were sent home in your child's agenda and are available on our website and in each school's front office.

Title I School-Parent Compact

What is it?

A *written commitment* indicating how *all members of a school community* – parents, teachers, principals, students, and concerned community members – *agree to share responsibility* for improved *student achievement*.

A *written agreement* between *teachers and parents* that provides an opportunity to create *new partnerships* in your *school community*.

An *action plan* to *enhance schools* and to *promote student success*.



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent
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School Level Parent & Family Engagement Policy:

- *Describes how the school will provide all parents and family members information about Title I programs and meetings.*
- *Provides Parents information about programs, meetings, or other events in a timely manner and in a language that is easy to understand.*
- *Informs parents that Information will be posted on school website and all social media outlets.*
- *Provides parents with dated meeting agendas and minutes indicating opportunities for parent and family engagement.*
- *Provides parents with important dates and events that are available online.*

1% Parent Involvement Funds

Our school will be receiving Parent and Family Engagement Funds to help support communication and parent and family engagement activities.

What are some ideas as to how these funds can be best used?

Our funds are typically used to help support Parent and Family Engagement Partnership Opportunities:

- Title I Annual Meeting
- Grade-Level Kickoffs
- Academic Nights
- Math and Literacy trainings
- Technology Trainings
- Testing and Assessments meeting
- Title I Input Meeting
- Transition Meetings
- Parent Mentor Program

Professionally Qualified Teachers

- *Every teacher in Dalton Public Schools is a Professionally Qualified Teacher as determined by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.*



Ways to Communicate with Teachers

- Email
- Remind texts
- Virtual Meetings
- Phone Calls to School
- Parent Conferences
- Home Visits
- Communication Folders



- Please allow 24 hours for response time for teachers.

What curriculum does our school use?

- *Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE)*
 - *Georgia has adopted a set of core standards for kindergarten through twelfth grade in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.*

What tests will my child be taking?

Georgia Milestones

- Grades 3 – 8
 - End of Grade (EOG) assessments in language arts, mathematics, & science
- High School
 - End of Course (EOC) assessments in American Literature & Composition, Algebra 1, Biology, and US History

What types of questions will a student see on the Georgia Milestones assessments?

Georgia Milestones includes the item types described below:

- Open-ended (constructed-response) items in English Language Arts (all grades and courses)
- A writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the English Language Arts assessments;
- Nationally norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses to complement the Georgia criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison; and
- Multiple-choice and technology enhanced items in all content areas and courses.

Georgia Milestones Scoring Levels

Beginning Learners do not yet demonstrate proficiency at this grade level/course

Developing Learners demonstrate partial proficiency at this grade level/course

Proficient Learners demonstrate proficiency at this grade level/course

Distinguished Learners demonstrate advanced proficiency at this grade level/course of learning and are well prepared for the next grade level or course and for college and career readiness.

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What can we do as a school to better serve you, the parents?

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**Thank you for
the opportunity to serve your
children and family.**

Thank you for joining us today!

Any Questions? Contact the school at leslie.dixon@dalton.k12.ga.us