IKE STEM HIGH SCHOOL

THE PLAN…
THE PROMISE…

2022-2023

PAUL DUKE STEM HIGH SCHOOL

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WHAT IS A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN?

It is a plan that describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The school will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all family members.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL–FAMILY PROMISE?

It is a written agreement that outlines how the school, the students, and the family will work together to ensure your child's academic success. An effective School-Family Promise contains the following elements:

- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our Planning Meeting
- Reviewed and revised throughout the year. Will be provided to families via My Payments Plus for review at the start of the school year. It will also be re-visited at meetings, workshops, and school wide events.

LET'S TALK

We promote two-way communication through:

- Parent Portal
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Contact via email/phone/eCLASS,
- PDS Newsletter, School Messenger, Social Media (School Website, Facebook, & Instagram)

If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact: Parent Center at (470)323-3625

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

- Meet your Teacher Day
- Transition to Paul Duke STEM
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Family Workshops
- Curriculum and Instruction Night
- Dual Enrollment Night and College Fairs
- STEM Night/ Science Fair
- Academic Awareness Night
- Title I Annual Parent Meeting
- Title I Planning Meeting
- Title I Draft Document Review

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N AVAILABLE?

Engagement Plan and all other Title I information are available on our school's website at pauldukestem.org under the Title I Section and in their My Payments Plus account. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Parent Center.

New students to Paul Duke STEM High School will receive their documents at the time of registration. In addition, Title I documents may be mailed based on individual parent requests.

HOW IS THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND REVISED?

It is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Planning Meeting in the spring. All feedback forms from the Planning Meeting are submitted to the Office of Federal Programs for review. Families who are not able to attend the Planning Meeting have the opportunity to review draft documents and provide input during the draft document review period.

COMMUNICATION

Communication will take place through the Blazer Bulletin (weekly newsletter); school messenger; website; emails; and Parent Portal. The school may take the following actions to support parents:

· Offer meetings at various times and in different formats.

· May provide transportation and/or child care as such services relate to parental involvement.

· Provide opportunities for regular meetings requested by parents to participate in two-way communication relating to the education of their child. Call the Parent Center at: (470)323-3625 to schedule an appointment.

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH…

- **Title I Program Information:** Program information is available during the Title I Planning Meeting in the spring and Annual Parent Meetings in the fall, on the school website, and in the Parent Center.
- **Curriculum Information:** Knowing what your child is learning at school is important. We will keep you informed throughout the year about what your child is learning during parent meetings, conferences, eCLASS, and on our school website.
- **Student Progress Monitoring**: The Parent Portal is an online resource that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessment, and your child's results, course history, and much more. Monitoring your child's progress in school is an important way to be engaged.
- **Parent Resources:** We have many resources available for checkout to use at home with your child. We also host several parent workshops to empower you as you work with your child at home.
- **Staff Training**: We will train our staff to effectively communicate with you. Your input on how we train our staff is valuable.
- **Communication**: We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information with you in a language and format you understand. Whenever possible, we will provide interpreters during parent workshops, and academic events. Translation is available for most documents.
- **Transition Support**: Entering a new school can be scary for both students and families. We will host events to make sure both you and your child are aware of what is expected and how you can prepare as your child transitions to a new school level, college, and career.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Title I is a federal program designed to support school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students.
- ✓ Title I programs are based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.
- ✓ The Title I Office reserves at least one percent of the district's allocation to fund family and community engagement programs. The use of these funds is based on suggestions gathered at our spring Planning Meetings from families and community members. Funds are distributed equally to all our Title I schools.
- ✓ Childcare and/or transportation may be provided for meetings and school events.

MISSION

At Paul Duke STEM, our vision is for all students to be courageous, respectful, and innovative leaders striving for excellence and contributing to ever-changing local and global communities.

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s will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

Math: Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency through a deep understanding of numeracy with the ability to compute with fluency, think critically, and communicate their mathematical reasoning effectively.

Science: Students will develop a strong content understanding in the Earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

Social Studies: Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context.

OUR SCHOOL GOALS

We will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

For 2020-2021, Paul Duke STEM High School's primary goals are:

1. To have a 4 year cohort graduation rate of greater than 90.0% and 90% success rate in all classes
2. To exceed the GCPS district average in math and science courses,
3. For 85% of students to pass the Social Studies and Science Gateway Exam, and
4. To exceed the district average on AP Exams and SAT/PSAT assessments.

Area of focus: As part of our school wide leadership initiative, we will promote the development of students' communication and problem-solving skills by helping them improve their critical thinking as well as their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in all academic areas.

Foundational Skill: We will focus on Literacy in all content areas and students ability to demonstrate reading comprehension of highly complex grade-level texts and writing skills.

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS

Paul Duke STEM will…



- Build parents' capacity to support their children's academic achievement by providing families with strategies to monitor students' progress, workshops to help families plan for their student's future, and regular communication around academic support and intervention options.
- Bring technology to parents. Demonstrate the use of eCLASS course pages & other online academic resources that parents may use to support students as they increase their literacy skills.

Jonathon Wetherington 5/19/2022

Principal's Signature Date

As Students, we will …



- Attend school daily
- Communicate our needs and concerns to teachers, counselors, and parents
- Work collaboratively to solve problems
- Seek to be avid readers and writers

As Families, we will…



- Use the Parent Portal to monitor student academic progress
- Attend family workshops and events.
- Encourage students to earn college credit through AP exams and Dual Enrollment.

VISIT OUR PARENT CENTER

Our Parent Outreach Liaison is Olaya Dobbs and she is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

Our Parent Center is located in Room # 1.1.218.

Hours of Operation: 6:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Please contact Olaya Dobbs for additional information about our Parent Center and resources available for check-out.

Phone Number: 470-323-3625

Email: olaya.liranzo@gcpsk12.org



Parents are welcome to volunteer at Paul Duke STEM HS. Visit the Parent Center to find out about volunteer opportunities. Parents who wish to observe their student in class should reach out to the teacher to schedule an appointment. Teachers will respond to requests within 48 hours.