Heritage Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success
2026-2027

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What is Title I?

Heritage 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan and schoolwide plan.

Our Plan for Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Heritage Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Heritage Elementary values the contributions and involvement 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 Heritage Elementary 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 revised?

Heritage Elementary invited all parents and family members to attend our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum last spring to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compacts and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent and family member input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year.

The plan is posted on our school website for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents and family members for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback at meetings and activities during the school year.

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. Heritage 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?

Throughout the school year, the plan will be in the Front Office, Media Center and Parent Resource Center. The plan will also be posted at the Title I meetings, and parents can retrieve a copy of the plan from https://heritage.bcsdk12.net

District Goals

- **Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement**
  All students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.
- **Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness**
  All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives.
- **Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement**
  We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experience.

Refer to the detailed Board of Education Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category.

School Goals

Reading and Math

Increase number of students achieving proficient and distinguished levels by 10% on STAR (K-2nd) and BEACON (3rd-5th).

Attendance

We will reduce the percentage of students who are chronically absent from 14% to 11% and achieve an average daily attendance of 95%.

Focus Areas:

Grades K-2 students will focus on sight words, letters, sounds, able to answer who, what, where, when, and why.

Grades 3-5 students will focus on reading fluency and comprehension to compare and contrast key details, identify main ideas, and summarize text.

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, Heritage Elementary 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 students reach grade-level standards.

The compact will be discussed throughout the year as it relates to the individual child's achievement during parent-teacher conferences and family engagement activities. The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum.

The school-parent compacts are sent home, and a copy kept with each child's teacher if families need a copy.

Let's Get Moving!

Heritage Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be held during the day, evenings and on Saturdays.

Open House – July 30, 2026
Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school faculty/staff for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 2026
We invite you to an evening of learning about parents' rights and the benefits of a Title I program, including information concerning our schoolwide plan, our parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact, and budget.

Literacy Curriculum Night – October 2026
Families will enjoy hearing the latest curriculum updates to help their children succeed in school. Information about the Georgia Milestones Assessment will also be shared with families. You will not want to miss this great night!

Building Staff Capacity Sessions – Ongoing throughout the year.
Staff, in consultation with parents and family members, will be involved in learning how to effectively communicate to build ties between home and school.

Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day – November 2026
We will provide ways for parents to volunteer at Heritage each week during the month of November. We value your part in supporting student success in school. We would appreciate your help! Please contact our volunteer coordinator if you want to volunteer this month as we celebrate family engagement in our schools.

Title I Parent Survey –October/ November/December 2026
Participate in our online survey to provide feedback about the Title I program and family engagement at Heritage.

Georgia Milestones Parental Workshop – January 2027
For all 3rd to 5th grade parents, come and see what will be expected of students on the Georgia Milestones Assessment. Learn about the test and the online components. We will also discuss the promotion and retention requirements for the year.

STEAM Curriculum Night – March 2027
All families are invited to a night of seeing cool science experiments and learning about the importance of math and science in everyday life. Teachers will discuss the State standards and provide updates on what your student is learning.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum – February – March 2027
We need your input on our Title I plans, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget at Heritage. Come share in the decisions that affect our school.

Transitioning from Elementary to Middle School – May 2027
Join us at our zone middle school, Weaver Middle, for this exciting day of how to get your 5th grader ready to transition to a new setting. You will be able to meet the Weaver staff, tour the school, and hear about middle school expectations.

Transitioning from Pre-School to Kindergarten – May 2027
Make sure your student is ready for kindergarten! Our amazing Kindergarten teachers will be hosting a workshop with tips and resources you can use over the summer to help your student be ready for school in August.

Come visit and explore our Parent Resource Center!

Located in the Office
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Computers are available for parents to use in the **Media Center** for Parent Portal and additional information is located at the **Resource Center** near the main office.

Family Engagement

Heritage Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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 described in this plan are fulfilled.

Family – School Partnerships

Heritage Elementary and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging families, students, and the community 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 Community

Our School is Reaching Out!

Heritage Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents understand, posted on ParentSquare, Heritage Facebook page and sent home to all families.
- Provide training for faculty and staff at their regularly scheduled planning and staff meetings, along with tip sheets and emails on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement.
- Share information on school ParentSquare and Heritage Facebook page for families 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 families and the community on a regular basis regarding events and activities, through ParentSquare, flyers, and social media.
- Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- 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.
- Use our Parents, Teachers, Students and Community Partners to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events.

Need Help?

Heritage Elementary is committed to helping our parents and family members attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance to participate in our programs:

Main Office
(478) 779-4700
or
Nina Menchew
Family Engagement Representative
nina.menchew@bcsdk12.net

School Volunteer Team

Heritage Elementary invites all parents to join the Heritage Volunteer Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with schools, families, and the community. Parents can submit ideas or suggestions at any school activity or meeting, as well as through our parent survey and Let's Talk feature. If you have questions or comments, please call the school office.

Heritage Elementary School – A Leader In Me School

Our theme: "Heritage Leaders Are Leading the Race!"

What is PBIS?

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) is a model for creating positive school environments that support the needs of all students and staff.

What is Canvas?

Canvas is the learning management system (LMS) used by Bibb County Schools which hosts online courses and course management tools for teachers, students, and parents. Canvas offers a single place where students can access any information related to academics and is used by teachers to build a digital environment for learning. Canvas allows parents to get involved and support their child's learning.

What is Parent Portal?

The Bibb County School District is pleased to offer our parents the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This online tool is used for you to keep track of your child's progress. Parents will use the portal to view their students' grades, attendance, schedule, and more.

Share Your Ideas

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of our schoolwide plan that you feel is not satisfactory with our students and school goals for academic success, please provide us with your comments in the space provided. We will forward your comments to the Title I office.

Name (optional):_____

Telephone Number (optional):_____

Comments: _____

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