

ROCKBRIDGE ELEMENTARY

THE PLAN... THE PROMISE...

2021-2022



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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 during Title I Annual Meeting, Parent Teacher Conferences, parent workshops, and school-wide events parent capacity activities and parent-teacher conferences.

LET'S TALK

Rockbridge will communicate with parents in a family friendly format through a variety of methods and media, including but not limited to: Parent meetings and workshops, Parent-Teacher conferences, Parent Student Teacher Connections, monthly Parent Center newsletters, phone calls, emails, the school website and the Parent Center.

If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact Marcelo Rodriguez (770)417-2433 or Kyla Ramsey (770)326-8090.

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

Opportunities for families to engage with school to support learning.

- **Title I Parent Meetings**
 - Annual Title I Meeting (August 2021)
 - Planning Meeting (April 2022)
 - Title I Document Review (April 2022)
 - Kindergarten Transition Meeting (May 2022)
- **Family Learning Workshops**
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
 - October 20-21, 2021
 - March 2-3, 2022

WHERE IS THE PLAN AVAILABLE?

The Family and Community Engagement Plan and all other Title I information are available on our school's website at www.gcpsk12.org/RockbridgeES under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Parent Center. Families will have the opportunity to receive Title I information at the Annual Title Parent Meeting. The plan is also linked to each student's MyPaymentPlus account.

New families to Rockbridge will review the Title I documents when they register for school.

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

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All parents are notified in advance of all meetings and workshops. Interpreters and translations are provided, to the extent practicable.

Parents may call **(770) 326-8090**, or visit the Parent Center, if they have questions, would like information, or to learn more about our Title I Program.

To schedule a meeting, please contact the school's main number **(770) 448-9363** or the Parent Center **(770) 326-8090**.

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.

Rockbridge Elementary Mission

NURTURE as we develop scholars
and leaders,

COLLABORATE to create an environment
of high expectations for all,

OWN our attitudes and our actions to
accomplish the work that must be done.

OUR DISTRICT GOALS

Language Arts: All students 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.

There will be an increase in the percentage of students in grades K- 5, who score in the proficient and distinguished levels on District and State Assessments.

Rockbridge Elementary will focus on reading and comprehending grade level vocabulary, literary texts, and informational texts to improve student understanding of academic standards and skills.

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS

Rockbridge Elementary School will...



- offer family learning workshops where parents can learn strategies to build student critical thinking to improve comprehension.
- provide opportunities for parents to visit the Parent Center to obtain books and resources to use at home.
- provide families with resources in multiple ways (i.e., eClass, online websites, meeting, workshops) to improve student comprehension.

Kelly Scarborough

Principal's Signature

May 14, 2021

Date

As Students, we will...



- use critical thinking skills to comprehend.
- use strategies and materials provided during instruction, family learning workshops, and online to improve comprehension.
- work with family to utilize resources and materials available in the Parent Center to increase learning.

As Families, we will...



- participate in family learning workshops to build knowledge of practices and strategies to use at home to improve students' critical thinking skills.
- provide opportunities for students to read and learn daily at home using school and online resources learned at family learning workshops.
- visit or contact the Parent Center or teacher of student to build awareness of resources and materials to help student improve comprehension.

VISIT OUR PARENT CENTER

Our Parent Center has learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to checkout and use at home. Our Parent Instructional Coordinator and Parent Outreach Liaison are *Kyla Ramsey* and *Marcelo Rodriguez*. Kyla and Marcelo are available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

Parent Center Location: Room # 2.1.101

(Main level near the office)

Parent Center hours are 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Please contact *Kyla Ramsey* for additional information about our Parent Center and resources available for checkout.

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Parents are welcome to participate as volunteers at Rockbridge Elementary School! Please contact or visit the Parent Center to learn more about volunteer opportunities around the school throughout the year.

To schedule classroom observation, contact the school to talk with the appropriate grade level assistant principal **(770) 448-9363**.

Sebrina Ashimi: Grades 1 & 3

Susana Kellum: Special Education K-5, IRR

Tonja Jackson: Grades 4 & 5, ESOL, Gifted

Aisha Rodriguez: Grades K & 2, EIP