

MCKENDREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE PLAN... THE PROMISE...

2020-2021



Expecting Excellence, Making a Difference

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<https://www.gcpsk12.org/mckendrees>

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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
McKendree Elementary will review our School-Family compact at the beginning of the school year via My Payments Plus. We will also review it periodically throughout the school year at parent-teacher conferences, parent workshops and on mypaymentsplus and eCLASS. Copies of the compact are also available to review on our school website

LET'S TALK

McKendree Elementary is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways we can foster effective communication include:

- Email, Dojo Messaging, and School Messaging
- Daily/Weekly Agenda notes
- Phone Calls/Phone Conferences
- Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- Parent Portal
- MyPaymentsPlus
- eClass

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ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

- Curriculum Nights: August 2020
- eCLASS Parent Workshop: September 2020
- Title I Annual Meeting: September 2020
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: October 23th & 24th and February 19th & 20th
- Reading University: October 2020
- Reading Extravaganza: October 2020
- Math University: November 2020
- Math University: January 2021
- Assessment Workshop: February 2021
- STEM Night: March 2021
- Title I Planning Meeting: April 29th, (12:45 – 2:15)
- Kindergarten Transition: May 2021
- KinderCamp for incoming Kindergarteners: June 2021

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 <https://www.gcpsk12.org/mckendreees> under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Parent Center. All Title I Family and Community Engagement documents will be disseminated to students through MyPaymentsPlus software at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. As new families enroll their children, they will be educated on how to access and sign all Title I documents and a school representative will review the contents with them.

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.

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CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS AND TEACHER CONFERENCES CAN BE ARRANGED BY CONTACTING MKES FRONT OFFICE AT 678-377-8933. PLEASE ALLOW FOR 24-HOUR NOTICE.

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 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.

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.
- ✓ All Title I schools jointly develop a Family and Community Engagement Plan with families.
- ✓ 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.



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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.

In 2020 – 2020 school year, students in grades K-5 at McKendree Elementary will demonstrate growth in the areas of literacy and mathematics as measured by an increase in the percentage of students scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories on local and state assessments.

Skills to Support School Goals:

- Literacy – Read fluently in order to comprehend texts
- Math – Problem Solving

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS

McKendree Elementary will...



- Offer literacy workshops that share strategies that staff, families and students can use to improve student learning by working on fluency and comprehension.
- Offer math workshops that provide parents with strategies to support their students in the area of problem solving.
- Conduct a parent workshop for the parents of rising kindergarten students in the spring proceeding kindergarten registration in May, and hosting KinderCamp in June to provide rising kindergarten students with an opportunity to acclimate prior to the first day of school.
- Share strategies families can use at home for Mathematics and Reading achievement.

Principal's Signature

Date



As Students, we will...

- Read every night to myself or with a buddy to practice reading on-level texts with accuracy, understanding, and fluency.
- Work with my family on activities to help me achieve my reading comprehension goal
- Learn my math facts to support my math problem solving skills



As Families, we will...

- Support literacy goals for reading nightly and attending parent workshops to learn reading comprehension and fluency strategies.

- Support math goals by attending parent workshops to learn math problem solving strategies and games to use with my child at home.
- Utilize the Parent Portal and other online resources, including eCLASS to support my child in reading and math at home.

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 Outreach Liaison is Kenny Venegas. 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 the main hallway, room 4.150.

Hours of Operation

8:30AM-2:00PM Mon.-Fri.

Please contact **Kenny Venegas** for additional information about our Parent Center and resources available for check-out.

Phone Number: 678-226-2271

Email: Kenny.venegas@gcpsk12.org

Volunteer opportunities



McKendree Elementary is committed to providing opportunities for parents to engage in workshops, and volunteering. Please contact the parent center for additional information.

MKES Parent Center 678– 226-2271