

KIPP South Fulton Academy Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2020-21 School Year



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What is Title I?

KIPP South Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the 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 parents and family members a written parent and family engagement



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how KIPP South Fulton Academy will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. KIPP South Fulton Academy 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 KIPP South Fulton Academy 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?

KIPP South Fulton Academy invites all parents to attend our Input Meetings to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, school-parent compact, and how the 1% of Parent and Family Engagement funds are used. Parent feedback and input are welcome throughout the school year. All parent 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 for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during parent 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. KIPP South Fulton will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The School-Family Engagement Plan will be distributed in weekly folders, emailed to all parents, and posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2020-2021 District Goals

Ensure that all FCS students graduate prepared to pursue their chosen paths -- whether college, career or military -- and to succeed on those paths after high school by focusing on 4 top priorities over the next 5 years:

- **Student Achievement** - Prepare students with strong academic foundations and the skills needed to navigate life beyond graduation
- **People and Culture** - Provide a welcoming environment and positive school and district culture for students, families and employees
- **Community Collaboration** - Engage families, community members and civic organizations as active partners
- **Fiscal Responsibility** - Manage and protect public funds and assets through efficient and effective use of available resources

For measurable outcomes and to review the Strategic Plan 2022 visit:
<https://www.fultonschools.org/cms/lib/GA50000114/Centricity/Domain/282/FCSStrategicPlan2022.pdf>

2020-2021 School Goals

- Increase the percent of 5th – 8th graders scoring proficient or exemplary on the Reading Georgia Milestones assessment by 5% for the 2020-21 school year.
- Increase the percent of 5th – 8th graders scoring proficient or exemplary on the Math Georgia Milestones assessment by 5% for 2020-21 school year.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, KIPP South Fulton Academy 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 our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Annual Input Meetings.

Let's Get Together!

KIPP South Fulton Academy 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. Meetings will be offered at convenient times to increase parent participation.

Character & Curriculum Night (5th & 6th Grade) – August 12, 2020

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Character & Curriculum Night (7th-8th Grade) – August 12, 2020

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting –October 8, 2020

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program. Invitations will be emailed, posted on the website, and in the school newsletter.

Drop in Office Hours – Every Friday from September 25, 2020 throughout duration of Virtual Learning

Meet with teachers to find out how your child is progressing.

“Let's Talk about High School” – October 14, 2020

Receive information about high school options in the area and exactly what it takes to apply!

Literacy & Reading Night – November 12, 2020

Learn tips, tricks and how to make English Language Arts (ELA) fun at home.

English Second Other Language (ESOL) Night – November 19, 2020

Gain an understanding of reports cards, assessments, Infinite Campus and receive Rosetta Stone training information.

Parent Math Night – December 10, 2020

Learn tips, tricks and how to make math fun at home.

Technology and Assessment Night – February 4, 2021

Gain an understanding of Infinite Campus (IC), Copyright Piracy laws and state assessments.

Transition Meetings – May 13, 2021

Rising 5th grade families will have an opportunity to learn about KIPP South Fulton Academy's curriculum and expectations.

Title I Input Meeting – March 25, 2021

Input Meeting for parents and family members to provide feedback and input regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

Notes: Look for updates for actual dates and times of workshops in the weekly Connections Newsletter



Parent Resource Center

Parent Resource Center Hours
Monday – Friday | By Appointment
Parent Liaison
Clayborn Knight
cknight@kippmetroatlanta.org

Parent and Family Engagement

KIPP South Fulton Academy believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That 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 as described in this plan.

KIPP South Fulton Academy is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan. If transportation or childcare prevents your participation in family engagement activities, you may contact the parent liaison or school representative for more information.

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KIPP South Fulton Academy

KIPP South Fulton Academy 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 are included in the weekly school newsletter and emailed to all families.
- ✓ Provide training to staff on how to effectively communicate with parents. A face-to-face training will take place each semester (Fall and Spring), as well as secondary methods.
- ✓ Partner with elementary and high schools to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in meetings, workshops and newsletters for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their scholar's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through emails, flyers, and newsletters.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, and post survey on the school website in order to provide additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

The residential facilities for students in the KIPP South Fulton attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

KIPP South Fulton Academy and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, 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



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Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

School Newsletter

Do you receive the weekly KIPP South Fulton Academy (KSFA) Connections newsletter? The Connections newsletter is emailed every Friday at 4:00 PM. The KSFA newsletter highlights student activities, upcoming events, meetings, PTO and Parent Liaison updates as well as Friday folder contents. If you are not receiving the KSFA newsletter, please share your scholar's name and your email address and we will add you to our weekly newsletter distribution list.

Scholar's Name: _____

Parent Email: _____