

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

2020-2021 School Year



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What is Title I?

KIPP Soul Academy 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 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 policy.

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

What Is It?

The KIPP Soul Academy Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success was created to improve family engagement opportunities that support student learning at school and home. Our plan describes the multiple ways that KIPP Soul Academy will provide family academic engagement opportunities and how we are inviting our parents to assist us in reviewing Title I documents and planning Title I activities and events that will promote and support student learning at home.

How is it developed?

KIPP Soul Academy welcomes parent feedback at any time regarding this plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and use of Title I funds for family academic engagement. This plan is finalized and approved by members of the KIPP Soul Academy Family Parent Engagement and School Leadership Teams annually in the Fall.

Who is it for?

This plan is for all scholars participating in the Title I, Part A program and their families. All families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. KIPP Soul Academy provides complete opportunity for participation of parents who speak languages other than English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

In the beginning of the school year, this plan will be sent home with all of our students. This plan will be distributed at the Annual Title I Parent Meeting held annually in the Fall. The plan is also posted on the KIPP Soul Academy website under School Resources. Families may also retrieve a copy of this plan in the Parent Center located inside the main office of our school.

2020-2021 District Goal

Our scholars will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic and character skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

KIPP Soul Academy Academic Achievement Goals

By the end of the 2020 – 2021 school year:

- Daily attendance will average 95%.
- Scholars will increase reading levels by 1.5 grade levels (measured by F&P pre/post test) and increase average math proficiency on Milestones by 20%.
- KIPP Soul Academy will have a 0% expulsion rate and less than 5% suspension rate.

School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact (SPC) is a written agreement between the school community and parents. The SPC provides an opportunity to create new partnerships between the school, teachers and families. It explains what families and schools can do to help children reach high academic standards of excellence. This written agreement indicates how all stakeholders of our school community agree to share in the effort to raise student academic achievement.

Let's Get Together!

KIPP Soul Academy Upcoming Engagement Events

KIPP Soul 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.

Fall 2020

- Back to School Night
- Family Orientation
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting & Academic Content Night
- Holiday Family Luncheon

Spring 2021

- Spring Title I Parent and Family Input Meeting
- End of Year Parent Meeting
- Quarterly KIPPster Report Card Conferences
- Soul Share Out (Monthly Family Meetings with Principal)



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Parent and Family Engagement

KIPP Soul Academy believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including and ensuring:

- 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 and home.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included 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 parental involvement plan.

KIPP Soul Academy is committed to helping our parents attend the family academic engagement events, activities and workshops listed in this plan. Please call or email our Parent Liaison should you need any additional information regarding our Family Academic Engagement Plan.

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KIPP Soul Academy is Branching Out!

KIPP Soul 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 collective goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is posted in our Parent Resource Center, shared via ParentSquare, and included in the weekly newsletter for all parents.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of family academic engagement and strategies to improve communication with parents. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Share information in the school newsletter and through ParentSquare for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) and flyers.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.
- Provide weekly progress reports of scholars to parents and families via the weekly packets.
- Request parents sign their scholars' agenda books each night to confirm completion of homework, including 30 minutes of independent reading. We will also encourage families to leave feedback or comments in their scholars' agenda books at any time.
- Provide parents access to academic and behavioral progress via Kickboard and Illuminate.

KIPP Soul Academy Staff Commitment to Excellence

We fully commit to KIPP Soul Academy by upholding the five "SHINE" values as outlined below:

- Share our truth with **COURAGE**
- Honor our **COMMUNITY**
- Ignite our **PASSIONS**
- Navigate challenges with **CONVICTION**
- Embrace **LOVE** for ourselves, each other, and learning

KIPP Soul Academy Digital Family Engagement

Stay connected with KIPP Soul Academy and your scholar's education! Follow us @KIPPSoulAcademy on all of our social media and online communication platforms!



We want to hear from you!

If you have any suggestions, ideas or feedback related to the KIPP Soul Academy Family Engagement Plan, please provide us with your comments via email, call or text anytime.

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We would love to hear from you!

Parent Resource Center Information

The KIPP Soul Academy Parent Resource Center (PRC) provides parents and families with a space for their own use to increase and facilitate communication between our families and the school. It provides opportunities for parents to get to know each other and promote educational and socializing opportunities. The PRC serves various needs of our families so that parents and other adults can turn their attention to helping and supporting their children.

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday, 7:45AM – 3:00PM

Friday, 7:45AM – 2:00PM

Please feel free to contact Ms. Greer Roberts, School Operations Manager/Parent Liaison, with any questions by phone or email at 470-542-1293 or

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