

Commerce Elementary



Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2017–2018 School Year

Commerce Elementary School

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What is Title I?

Commerce Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Commerce Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Commerce Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Commerce Elementary will support parent 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?

Commerce Elementary School welcomes all parent input and comments at any time regarding this plan. All parent feedback is used to review the plan for the following year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view. A hard copy may be obtained at any time in the front office. We distribute an annual survey to parents seeking their suggestions on the plan and use funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give us feedback at the annual Title I meeting as well as any day during the 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. Commerce 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?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student packet distributed during Open House. The plan is posted on the school Web site; hard copies may be obtained in the front office.

2017–18 District Goal

All students will reach high standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading/language arts and mathematics.

2017–18 School Goals

Increase overall percent of students earning a proficient rating or higher in ELA and mathematics per the Georgia Milestones State Assessment by 5%.

Increase the percentage of students attaining a positive reading status per their Lexile level on the Georgia Milestones State Assessment by 5%.

Reading/Language Arts Focus
Close Reading Strategies

Math Focus
Cognitively Guided Instruction

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Commerce Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers.

The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Commerce Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – July 26, 2017; 5:00-7:00

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff!

Annual Title I Meeting and Curriculum Night – September 14, 2017; 6:30 - Cafeteria

Attend an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home with students, included on team newsletters, and posted on the school web page and social media.

Parents' "Make & Take" – August 29, October 10, November 29 from 11:00-1:00

Frustrated with today's math? Join us during your lunch where you will learn more about key math standards, how they are taught, and how you can help. You will also create a math game or manipulative to help you help your child in math.

Grandparents Luncheon, 3rd Grade – September 12th and 4th Grade – September 13th

Grandparents and students eat lunch together in the cafeteria and celebrate family.

Bingo for Books – Fall 2017 and Spring 2018

Reserve a seat for a great night of family fun! Pizza and a drink will be available for a nominal fee. All CES students will go home with at least one free book of his/her choice!

Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 2017 & April 2018

Scheduled updates on your child's progress. Please contact your child's teacher at any time during the school year if you have concerns to discuss.

Student-Led Conferences – March 2018

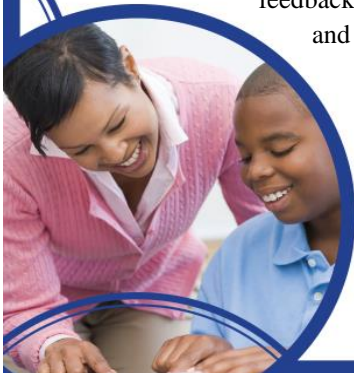
Let your child take the lead in explaining his/her growth and challenges during the school year.

Georgia Milestones Information Session – April 26, 2018 @ 6:30 P.M. and May 1, 2018 @ 8:00 A.M.

Receive an overview of the state's expectations for the state test for reading and math and have your questions answered.

CES Field Day – May 12, 2017

Cheer for your child and join us in a fun-filled day.



School Lunch

Please feel free to join your child for lunch!

Be sure to first sign in with the front office.



Parental Involvement

Commerce Elementary believes that parental involvement 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.
- 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.

Commerce Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

(706) 335-1801



Commerce Elementary is Branching Out!

Commerce Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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 both English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly grade level newsletters for all parents.
- ✓ Partner with Commerce Primary School and Commerce Middle School by conducting transition nights for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish in the school communications 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 or text messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ 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 Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Offer assistance with school technologies such as Infinite Campus so that parents can monitor their child's progress.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events and solicit parent involvement through social media and the school web page as well as the flyers, newsletters, and phone calls routinely utilized by the school.



Parental Involvement Standards

Commerce Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA 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

School Volunteer Team

Commerce Elementary invites all parents to join the School Volunteer Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to join the School Volunteer Team, please complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office or give to your child's homeroom teacher.



School Volunteer Team

Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Volunteer Team

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan 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 or send back to school with your child:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Suggestion(s): _____
