

***FY21  
KidsPeace School of Georgia  
Parent and Family Engagement Plan  
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## *Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success*

### *FY21 School Year*

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## What is Title I?

KidsPeace School of Georgia is a Title I High Progress 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 Resource Center

Come and visit the Parent Resource Center for study materials and resource guides for parents and students.

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## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how KidsPeace School Georgia will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. KidsPeace School of Georgia values the contributions and involvement of “In Loco Parentis” (Latin for In Place of Parents) members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that KidsPeace School will support family engagement and how “In Loco Parentis” can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### How is it revised?

KidsPeace School Georgia invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Input meetings held on August 14, 2019 from 3:00 – 3:30 to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the plan to spend the 1% family engagement budget. This 1% of school system budgets over \$500,000 is allotted for parent and family engagement activities.

Input Meetings, surveys, and family engagement events are some of the ways In Loco Parentis, parents, and family members of children receiving services under Title I can help make decisions regarding how these 1% reserved funds are spent at KidsPeace for parent and family engagement activities,

The KidsPeace Annual Title I meeting update was posted online. This meeting was to inform parents that KidsPeace School is a Title I school, and inform them of the requirements of a Title I school’s participation, as well as their rights as parents under Title I.

Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome throughout the school year through school meetings and in the annual Title I survey forms. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year is used to revise the plan for the next school year. KidsPeace School will distribute the annual surveys online and on paper 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 at family engagement events. If the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, parents can submit comments on the plan to the district Title I representative at [www.carrollcountyschools.com](http://www.carrollcountyschools.com).

### 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. KidsPeace School of Georgia will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. In Loco Parentis unable to attend due to transportation or childcare limitations will be provided transportation and childcare if the school is notified of the need.

### Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent distributed to all “In Loco Parentis”. We will post the plan on the school website and information is emailed to all “In Loco Parentis”. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center and by request from [latava.thornton@kidspeace.org](mailto:latava.thornton@kidspeace.org).

## ***2020–2021 District Goals***

Carroll County Schools has established goals for the entire school system. The goals for the 2019-2020 school year is to increase the percent scoring at the proficient/distinguished level in math and ELA by 3% of GMAS.

## ***2020-2021 School Goals***

- Focus on the individual needs of the students enrolled in the school.
- Utilizes individual student test scores from STAR Reading and Math Assessments and previous state testing.
- Focus on student's achievement in the core subjects with a special focus on ELA and Math as measured by Georgia Milestones with the goal of a 3% increase in Proficient/Distinguished scores in ELA and math.
- Improve Writing skills of all students
- Begin the transition from online learning (Edgenuity) to direct instruction.

## ***2020-2021 Parent Compact School***

The KidsPeace School of Georgia will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

In accordance with the Title I regulations, KidsPeace School of Georgia utilizes a School Parent Compact, which outlines how parents, administrators, teachers and students will share responsibility for promoting high student growth and achievement. In addition, KidsPeace School of Georgia Leadership Team and parents meets to revise the compact as needed, usually done during the Title 1 Parent and Stakeholder Input meeting. Other opportunities for feedback can also be through parent surveys. Information from the surveys can be used to help in revisions made to the School Parent Compact. Dated agendas and sign-in sheets will be kept on file.

## ***Let's Get Together***

KidsPeace 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.

Title I Annual Meeting (September 2 2020) 3:00 – 3:30

Title I Input Meeting (September 2 2020) 3:30 – 4:00

Literacy Day (September 2020)

Core Curriculum Night (September 2020)

Frantic Fall Festival (October 2020) Core subject of science

Core Connections Assembly (November 2018)

Harlem Renaissance Era 1910's – 1930's Soiree core subject of history (February 2021)

March Madness Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss centered around Literacy (March 2021)

Parent-Teacher Conferences support (as needed or requested throughout the 2020-2021 school year)

Throughout the FY21 school year KidsPeace School of Georgia will review the history of various Ethnic Holidays.

A Human Services Professional (HSP), which works as a liaison between the school and the parent/legal guardian, will also send monthly summaries to agencies and guardians to provide input to improve effectiveness on ongoing site based and off site professional learning activities. Leadership Committee Members include the Executive Director, Principal, Special Education Teacher/Coordinator, a Clinician, community representative, and residential staffs are also surveyed for input on ways to include and increase parental involvement activities.

## Parent and Family Engagement Standers

KidsPeace School of Georgia and our  
“In Locos Parentis”

- ❖ Welcome all Families
- ❖ Communication Effectively
- ❖ Supporting Student Success
- ❖ Speaking Up for Every Child
- ❖ Sharing Power
- ❖ Collaborating with Community

## Parent and Family Engagement

KidsPeace School of Georgia understands that family engagement means.

The KPS will provide training to educate the teachers, pupil services personnel, principal, and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.

The 1% Parental Involvement Set Aside Budget for the FY21 will assist in the area of communication with parents, postage, information, and resources in the Parent Resource Center, The Title 1 Annual Parents Surveys, the family engagement events by KidsPeace Family Engagement Coordinator throughout the facility to complete parental involvement requirements as deemed necessary by the Parent Coordinator.

## KidsPeace School of Georgia is Reaching Out!

KPS provides timely information regarding the school’s Title I Plan through various meetings, specifically the Annual Title I meeting each year, Leadership meetings, and departmental/faculty meetings throughout the school year. Within the Title I plan and the school’s Student Handbook, a description of the school’s curriculum is available. The curriculum is computer-based and aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) in English/Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, Social Studies, and Electives in other content areas. Students at KidsPeace are provided different assessments to help identify individual needs (Diagnostic Skills testing completed upon enrollment in school), as well as, state standardized testing (Georgia Milestones Assessment Program), and progress monitoring through Response to Intervention (RTI), which is completed on all students enrolled in the school. Assessment results of students is shared with all stakeholders as well as reviewed by teachers to determine areas that show improvement and areas of weakness. This information helps to generate information put in the school’s Title I School-Wide Plan as well as assisting with making adjustments to courses used in the online computer program of Edgenuity, all of which can be customized to address deficit learning areas. In addition to requested meetings, KPS provides opportunities for regular meetings that are made available to the parents and staff to share the results of the state assessments and the school's performance on those assessments. KPS shares information through our faculty meetings, and committees to inform parents and to obtain suggestions of improvement when assessments are not meeting standards as set by the state. Assessment results are made available during Open House, Promotion/Retention Meetings; DJJ Utilization reviews every six months, and parent conferences, which can be requested at any time throughout the school year between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:00 pm, on school days Monday through Friday. Annual surveys are emailed to parents in the spring to gather feedback on parent involvement within our school. Parents have the option of completing an online survey. This data, along with input from various committees such as Leadership Team, Title I Planning Committee, and School Improvement Team are used to monitor and update the Parent/School Policies and Compacts. Following the annual review, updating the school's Title I Plan. The parent's input comes from their involvement in committees such as Title I Planning committee as well as individual parent input and surveys. The school will coordinate with local colleges for career resources and field trips to the colleges.