Talbott Spring Elementary School
Family-School Compact and Plan 2019-2020
This plan has been jointly developed and distributed to the parents of all TSES students.

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Visit our TSES website for more information and updates
http://t ses.hcpss.org

Talbott Springs is a Schoolwide Title I school
Title I programs at each school vary depending on the needs of the students. TSES families, students and staff benefit from being Schoolwide Title I in many ways. Every child may benefit from the added services and funding that a Schoolwide Title I program can offer. A Schoolwide program helps a school to address the learning strengths and needs of a child using a more comprehensive approach.

Our Mission:
TSES will structure opportunities for learning in which each child can access the appropriate resources to achieve his or her potential academically, socially and emotionally with the support and collaborative engagement from students, parents, community members and school staff.

Family Events by Month
Some events may change. Look for exact dates and times on our calendar at the beginning of each quarter or on our website.

September: Bookmobile #1, Back to School Night/ Annual Meeting
October: Trot for Talbott
November: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Fall Family Event-Reasoning
March: Girls Night Out, Bookmobile #2
April: Reading/Math Academic Night, Science Fair Open House
May: Evening of Excellence
June: Summer Kickoff Event

Benefits Title I Brings to TSES:
- Additional instructional staff
- Differentiated instruction and interventions
- Extra mobile laptop labs
- Funds to hold schoolwide and targeted family nights
- Extended Day opportunities (for educationally qualifying students).
What is a Family-School Compact & Plan?

A Family-School Compact & Plan is an agreement between families, students and teachers that is jointly developed and distributed to all families. It explains how families, students, and teachers will work as a team to ensure all students make continuous growth and receive the support they need to achieve grade level goals.

We welcome your ideas and input into the compact and plan, topics for TSES staff training on working together as equal partners, and the family involvement budget by joining the School Improvement Team (SIT), attending the end of year input meeting, and offering your feedback on surveys.

If you have any questions or comments about the Family-School Compact & Plan please contact our school at 410-313-6915. For a copy of our School Improvement Plan, visit http://tses.hcpss.org.

Things to Expect from our Staff

*Provides reading and math support to students who need it.

*Encourages students to learn by emphasizing our 5 Learning Behaviors:
  - Perseverance
  - Responsibility
  - Collaboration
  - Interpersonal Skills
  - Initiative

  Daily Caring Community Circles for additional emphasis of the Learning Behaviors and to create sense of belonging where student voice, thoughts and ideas matter.

*Offers parenting workshops and in-services on topics promoting the academic achievement of their children. Utilizes team Canvas page for updates and communication with families.

*Establishes firm and fair behavior expectations that will reward good behavior (schoolwide RISE/PBIS program).

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Through high-quality curriculum using the MD College and Career-Ready Standards

**English Language Arts** – Primary language arts uses a literacy instructional model to meet the needs of students. Standards-based instruction is differentiated through on-going data collection. Through the Being A Reader and Being A Writer programs, a strong emphasis is on foundational skills, read alouds, differentiated small group instruction, discussions of text, daily independent reading, and writing instruction. Students are consistently engaged in peer collaborative conversations, one-on-one reading and writing conferences, and multiple opportunities to further develop independent language arts skills.

**Math** – Primary mathematics is focused on counting, addition, and subtraction within word problems. By the end of second grade, students will know from memory, sums of two one-digit numbers. Students will learn about and compare hundreds, tens, and ones. Students will engage in meaningful discourse about mathematical reasoning and they will make connections and evaluate various mathematical representations to show understanding.
Goals and Goal Setting  
(Grade Prekindergarten)

**School Goals**
Talbott Springs administrators and teachers have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. For the 2019-2020 school year, TSES will encourage student discourse, reasoning, logic and evidence while focusing on the following areas:

- **Math:** counting, place value, addition and subtraction and word problems.
- **English/Language Arts:** a literacy-based instructional program that incorporates reading, writing, speaking, listening and language College and Career-Readiness Standards.

**See our entire School Improvement Plan on our school’s website.**

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**At school, we promise to**

- provide high quality, data driven instruction in language arts and math in order to support students who have not yet mastered grade level skills.
- allow students to learn through interactive play.
- provide a safe and positive environment so that students can learn.
- provide ways for parents to support their student’s achievement.
- provide family programs and materials to help parents understand the HCPSS curriculum and academic skills being taught.

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**As a student, I will**

- represent myself in a positive manner by RISE-ing (Respectful, Inspire, Self-Control, Empathy).
- arrive at school on time and ready to learn.
- talk to my family about what I am learning.
- do my best all day, every day.
- ask questions at school and home when I don’t understand.
- set goals and work hard to achieve them.

* Look for your child’s individual goals to be sent home each quarter.

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**At home, parents are expected to**

- ensure their child attends school every day, gets adequate sleep and proper nutrition.
- read aloud and provide books for their child to read 15 minutes every day (in English or Spanish) then talk to them about what they read. (Please request books on tape, if needed)
- practice counting with their child 2-3 times a week.
- look at the Daily Folder and review the work each week to check on their child’s progress.
- attend and participate in family programs, Back to School Night and Parent Teacher Conferences to help monitor their child’s progress.
- check the teacher/team Canvas page on a regular basis to keep current about team events.
Communication

TSES is committed to communicating with parents and students regarding academic progress, attendance and behavior, and school events.
- Interims and Report Cards (each 4 times a year)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (11/25-26 and 2/13-14)
- Positive Phone Calls home
- Weekly School Newsletter
- School Event Calendar (quarterly)
- Updates on website, Canvas and School Messenger
- Notes/phone calls/emails as needed
- Interpreter services and translated documents are always available upon request.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a lot of great ways to help out:
- Join the PTA (Parent Teacher Association)
- Join SIT (School Improvement Team) or FIT (Family Involvement Team)
- Provide feedback on evaluations after events
- Volunteer in your child’s classroom or on a class field trip.

Important Websites

Home/School Activities and School Resources: tseshomeschool.weebly.com
Teacher/Team Canvas Page: accessed through your Family Portal account
TSES Home Page: tses.hcpss.org

Need More Information?

For more information about Title I law and expectations, visit: www.marylandpublicschools.org and search Title I
For a copy of our School Improvement Snapshot goals and our Title I documents, visit: http://t ses.hcpss.org

We Want to Hear from You

We encourage our parents to be involved as equal partners in our decision-making processes by providing:
- Topics for TSES staff training
- Ideas for parent training
- Input on family nights and spending TSES Title I Parent Involvement funds
- Suggestions about the TSES schoolwide compact and plan