



BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Brookdale Elementary School
3600 Brookdale Avenue
Macon, GA 31204

FOCUS SCHOOL AND FLEXIBLE LEARNING PROGRAM (FLP)
PARENT NOTIFICATION

July 31, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 requires that parents or guardians who have children attending a Title I school be notified of how well their school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, as well as the school's designation under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Under the 2015 renewal of Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools continue to be designated as Reward, Priority, or Focus Schools. The Waiver allows the use of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) as the comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia, providing a score between 0-100 for each school—measuring how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career.

Brookdale Elementary current CCPRI score is 51. You may find additional information about the CCPRI score on the Georgia Department of Education website (<http://ccrpi.gadoe.org/2014>).

Despite the progress made by our students, Brookdale Elementary School has been designated as a Focus School under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver for the 2015-2016 school year. This designation is based on the school's 3-year average CCRPI Achievement Gap score, and we keep this designation until our school meets the exit criteria for Focus School status.

We will closely monitor our students in need of closing the achievement gap as determined by both the school and state. Those subgroups include growth and achievement among all African American students, economically disadvantaged students as well as our students with disabilities.

As a Focus School, we will work together with parents/guardians, our community, and the Bibb County Board of Education to develop a school plan that delivers the necessary support to address the learning needs of our students and increase their academic success.

We will continue to provide research based interventions that afford our students the opportunity to address documented areas of weakness. Interventions will include but are not limited to Read 180, a reading intervention program that is designed to provide students with personalized, rigorous instruction. The instructional model for Read 180 is composed of whole group

instruction as well as three small group stations. We will use iRead, a foundational reading program designed to address achievement gaps in the early grades (Kindergarten – Second) as well as First in Math, a comprehensive online program designed to increase varying math skills. In addition, students will have access to our math lab which will provide additional math instruction and practice designed to increase math and thinking skills.

Lastly, Focus Schools are required to develop and offer a Flexible Learning Program (FLP). FLP is designed to improve mathematics performance by offering extra academic help to students through tutoring, remediation, and/or other educational support. The goal of FLP is to increase student learning, grades, and test scores. Brookdale Elementary will identify students most at risk of failing mathematics. Eligible students in grades K - 5 will receive 45 additional minutes of instruction in math during connections from September 8, 2015 to May 26, 2016. Students will receive web-based and small-group instruction (no more than 10 students per class period) led by a certified teacher. Each student will receive a math assessment and tailored instruction for the student's needs. You will be notified by mail if your child is accepted into FLP.

An important part of Brookdale Elementary School's success is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that you will become involved in our school improvement work as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in the development of our school improvement plans, being a part of our family engagement team or have questions about how you can better help your child in school, please contact Kim Tolbert, Principal, at (478) 779-2800 or Ktolbert.Brookdale@bibb.k12.ga.us.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education.

Sincerely,

Kim Tolbert

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Principal