

EAST HICKMAN ELEMENTARY
Family Engagement Policy
2026-2027



East Hickman Elementary School involves families in our Family Engagement Policy in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner. Our families and parents are a vital part of our school leadership team. As members of this team, families and parents are invited to attend monthly leadership meetings. During these meetings, parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of Family Engagement programs and the Family Engagement Policy.

An annual meeting, to which all families are invited, is held at the beginning of the school year to explain the Title I Schoolwide Program. At this meeting, the program is explained, and parents are encouraged to ask questions. Letters explaining the program are sent home to those who are unable to attend the orientation. An additional meeting is held later in the year to provide more flexibility.

East Hickman Elementary School makes the school-level policy and plan available to the local community in a variety of ways, including the district website, the East Hickman Elementary School website, the school office, and the school handbook.

East Hickman Elementary School provides families with timely information through parent and family workshops, schoolwide and grade-level events, activities throughout the school year, and newsletters. Upcoming events and important information are shared via the district website, the school website, the digital sign located at the front of the school, phone calls, emails, ClassDojo, and communication folders.

We host an Open House at the beginning of the school year, during which East Hickman Elementary School provides families with descriptions and explanations of the curriculum used at the school, the state standards being taught, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Families are also provided with individual student updates throughout the school year. Through RTI letters, interventionists provide updates to students' families when there are any changes.

East Hickman Elementary School provides families with opportunities for regular meetings, upon request, to formulate suggestions, participate in decisions relating to the education of their children, and receive responses to their suggestions as soon as practicable. Family members are invited to serve on the Leadership Team and share concerns. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held to inform parents/guardians of their child's progress and to discuss any concerns. Parents/guardians may also request conferences as needed. Teachers provide email

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communication, letters, accept phone calls, and use assignment books/agendas or homework folders to maintain consistent communication with parents.

For the 2026–2027 school year, parents and families will have several opportunities to support their child’s learning, and East Hickman Elementary School will provide any needed assistance. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, Open House, Kindergarten Orientation, parent/family workshops, Family Reading/Math Night, and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

East Hickman Elementary School uses the following methods to communicate with families in a language they understand: School-Parent/Family Compacts, invitations and reminders for workshops and events, academic brochures, and ClassDojo.

East Hickman Elementary School revises the School-Parent/Family Compact during the annual Schoolwide Leadership Committee meeting in the fall. The committee, composed of a supervisor, administrators, teachers, parents, and community members, reviews the compact and suggests improvements to enhance its effectiveness. The compact is distributed to all students and their families at the beginning of the school year or at registration. The importance of this document is also discussed during annual orientations and Open House events.