



Parent & Family Engagement Plan

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Eastside Elementary

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

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

Eastside Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual spring input meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents and other community members to view throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online 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 during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

What is Title I?

Eastside Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (ESEA).

Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to reform 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-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Eastside Elementary teachers, parents, and students will jointly develop a school-parent compact. This compact is an agreement 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 during our spring input meeting for each group. The school-parent compacts distributed to families at the start of the school year, posted on the school website, and sent to parents via email. Parents needing another copy may get one from their child's teacher, the Parent Resource Center, or Front Office.

Parent & Family Engagement

Eastside Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication (email, phone, and/or Kinvo text messages) involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

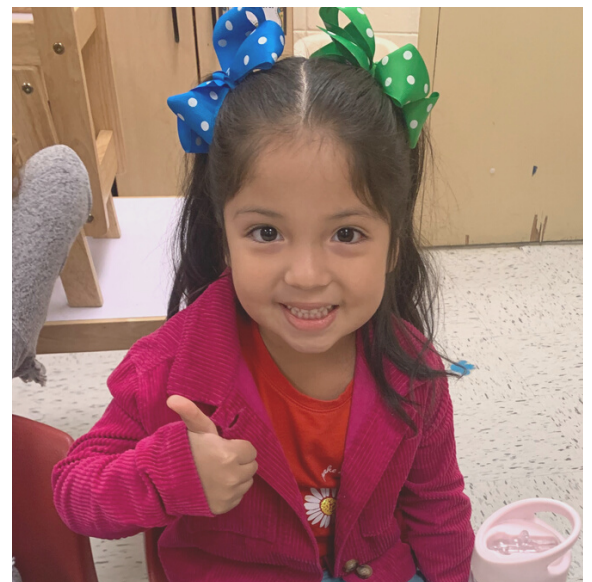
- That parents play an important role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

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. Eastside Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

We will send the plan to all parents in August before the scheduled Open House event. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center, Front Office, or Media Center.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are also available in the Media Center for parents to explore the Parent Portal and other educational resources.

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Reservation of Funds

Title I funds are available to engage our families. We reserve at least one percent of the school's total allocation to fund family and community engagement programs. No less than 90% of these reserved funds are used directly by schools to promote family and community engagement activities. The use of these funds is based on suggestions gathered at our spring input meeting from families and community members, as well as guidance from the district. Currently, Eastside Elementary uses these funds for:

- the Parent Resource Center
- a designated person to support parents
- family events



Parent & Family Engagement Standards

Eastside 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

Eastside Elementary invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. In addition, Eastside Elementary has

a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) that meets several times a year to discuss ways to make Eastside a great place to be!

We would love to encourage you to also take an active role and be a parent volunteer! There are so many ways YOU as a parent can be involved!

The parent volunteers meet periodically during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and school website. If you would like to learn more about becoming a parent volunteer, please contact the Family Engagement Coordinator at (912) 384-3187 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

Accessibility Message from the Family Engagement Coordinator

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

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements established by Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), each school's Family Engagement Coordinator will ensure full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

2023-2024



We Are Better Together

Working Together to Strengthen the Academic Achievement of our Students

Eastside 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 all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is shared in English and Spanish on the school website, social media, emails, and the school newsletter/calendar.
- Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Communicate with the Boys and Girls Club and other local student support groups.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, our school website, social media, and flyers.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents monitor their child's progress and work with their child to improve achievement outcomes.
- Help parents understand required state standards and assessments and how they are used to improve student achievement.
- Offer opportunities for parents to further enhance technology skills and improve understanding of grade level content.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events by providing opportunities for parents to make requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- Submit parent comments to the district's Federal Programs coordinator if the Title I Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory to parents.
- Use our Partners in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement. These staff trainings will include strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during faculty functions.

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Let's Get Together!

Eastside 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 and to improve student academic achievement. Meetings will be offered at various times throughout the day and in various formats including phone and online. Please check your email, text messages, and our school Facebook page for times and details of each event. Flyers will also be sent home in your child's weekly folder.

Open House – August 2023

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 2023

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.

Homework and Study Skills Family Night - August 2023

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – September 2023 & February 2024

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Social-Emotional Learning & Character - October 2023

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's school day and year.

Wild About Learning - March 2024

A celebration of reading, writing, and math and the recognition of their impact on school and student success.

ESOL Family Fiesta Day - May 2024

Families whose children speak English as a Second Language are invited to learn more about topics relevant to the ESOL and migrant programs.

Spring Input – March & April 2024

A forum for parents and family members to participate in discussions with school staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.



Academic Achievement Goals for 2023-2024

DISTRICT GOALS

During the 2023-2024 school year, Coffee County Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at or above the Developing level on all English/Language Arts and Mathematics End of Grade/End of Course assessments.

SCHOOL GOALS

During the 2023-2024 school year, Eastside Elementary School will increase the percentage of students scoring at or above the Developing level on all GMAS End of Grade assessments.

During the 2023-2024 school year, Eastside Elementary School will strengthen our school culture and climate through the implementation of school-wide Social-Emotional Learning Practices, as measured by perception surveys, attendance data, and discipline data.

Want to Get Involved?

Fill out and send this slip back to school with your child or bring it to the Front Office.

Yes, I am interested in becoming a parent volunteer during the school day.

Yes, I am interested in joining the School's Parent Advisory Committee.

Yes, I am interested in opportunities to volunteer outside of normal school hours.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____