

Eastside Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement
Plan and Policy
for Shared Student Success



2019-2020 School Year

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What is Title 1?

Eastside Elementary is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title 1 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 1 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 Plan for Shared Student Achievement



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Eastside Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Eastside Elementary values the contribution and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Eastside Elementary will support parent and family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home. This plan will be provided in English and Spanish.

How is it revised?

Eastside Elementary School invited all parents to attend several meetings during the spring months to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the parental involvement budget. Faculty members, students, and our School Governance Council also help revise the Title 1 documents. 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 will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also use data from an annual survey online and host a Parent/School Communication event to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. At any time that parent comments are provided that this jointly developed plan are not satisfactory, comments will be submitted to the district.

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 all parents, including those with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, a paper copy of the plan is distributed to each student. The plan is also posted on the school website and to Facebook. In addition, copies of the plan are emailed through Peachjar. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office.

Reservation of Funds?

Eastside Elementary School will reserve 1 percent from the total amount of the Title 1 funds it receives in FY20 to carry out the parent and family engagement requirements listed in this policy and as described in Section 1116 of the ESSA. Title 1 Input will be gathered in the Spring of 2020. Furthermore, EES will distribute 90 percent of the amount reserved to Title 1 schools to support their local-level family engagement programs and activities. The district will provide clear guidance and communication to assist each Title 1 school in developing an adequate family engagement budget that addresses their needs assessment and parent recommendations.

Revised May 24, 2019

2019-2020 District Goals

The Coffee County School System will increase the percentage of students scoring at the developing level or above in English Language Arts on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Assessment.

The Coffee County School System will increase the percentage of students scoring at the developing level or above in mathematics on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade (EOG) Assessment.

2019-2020 School Goals

Eastside Elementary School will increase the percentage of students reading on grade level as measured by Lexile scores on the GMAS by Spring of 2020.

Eastside Elementary School will increase the percentage of student scores at the Developing level or above on the writing and mathematics portions of the GMAS by Spring of 2020.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Eastside Elementary and our families developed a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students develop explaining how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade level standards. The compacts are reviewed annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during spring revision meetings. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher and a copy is provided to parents. In addition, copies are available on the school website, Facebook, and through Peachjar emails.

2019-2020 Family Engagement

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. Please check your child's Tuesday folder, our school website, Peachjar emails, Kinvo messages, and Facebook for times and details of each event.

Open House

August 8, 2019 from 4:00– 6:00

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year and learn about grade level curriculum! Swing by the Parent Resource Center to view and checkout materials. Sign up for Parent Portal.

Homework and Study Skills Family Night

August 26, 2019 @ 5:30

We invite families to join us in the gym as we review and discuss expectations at Eastside. Parents will also learn about homework and study skills specific to your child's grade level. Parents will make Homework Stations for their child to use at home.

Annual Title I Meeting

August 26, 2019 @ 6:30

We invite you to an evening to learn about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and requirements. Invitations will be sent and will be posted on our school public relation outlets.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

September 12, 2019 & February 13, 2020

Meet with your child's teacher to view progress reports.

Parent Volunteer Week

September 16-20, 2019 and January 27-31, 2020

Parents are invited to volunteer any time during the year, but these two weeks are set aside specifically to encourage parent volunteer sessions.

Spooky Science Night

October 28, 2019 @ 5:30

Families are invited to the gym for a fun and engaging Spooky Science event. Participants will enjoy various science activities. GSE and teaching strategies will be offered.

Family Writing Skills and Luncheon

December 10-12, 2019

Families are invited to enjoy lunch with their child and stay for an interesting grade level writing skills workshop. We will discuss the various assessments given and the importance of writing and explore fun activities that you can do with your child at home.

Title 1 Revision Meeting

February 13, 24, March 11, April 21, 2020

We invite you to provide valuable parent input on the following Title 1 Documents: School- Parent Compact, Parent Involvement Policy, School-wide Plan, and Title 1 Budget.

Family Math Carnival

February 24, 2020 @ 5:30

We invite families to our exciting math event! We will discuss the importance of math and explore fun activities that you can do with your child to promote successful math practices.

Spring into Reading Family Luncheon

March 10-12, 2020

We invite families to our exciting grade level specific reading event! Our Spring into Reading workshop will cover how to help your child become a better reader. We'll offer great support and resources for you to take home after enjoying a yummy lunch outside!

End of the Year Honors Programs

May 11-15, 2020

Each grade level will have an Honors Program to highlight the wonderful work that students have done throughout the year. Parents may also meet with teachers after programs to discuss individual student academic assessment results.



At any time during the school year, parents may request a meeting with teachers, our counselor, and our administrative team.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center (Just before the cafeteria) to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. The media center has computers available for parents to register and explore Parent Portal and educational resources. PRC is open daily, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm in B– 12.

Parental Involvement

Eastside Elementary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring:

- That parents play an integral 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.



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

Engagement Coordinator
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Eastside Eagles SOAR!



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 are published in both English and Spanish.
- ⇒ Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during faculty functions.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website, Facebook, Peachjar emails, and the newsletter/calendar for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ⇒ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone message, our school website, social media, and flyers.
- ⇒ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ⇒ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ⇒ Use our Partners in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ⇒ Offer opportunities for parents to further enhance technology skills and improve understanding of grade level content.
- ⇒ Collect feedback from parents at all events, by placing input cards around the building for parents to make requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ⇒ Communication with the Boys and Girls Club and other local student support groups.

Parental Involvement 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:

Welcoming All Families
Communicating Effectively
Supporting Student Success
Speaking Up for Every Child
Sharing Power
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 monthly 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 member of PTO! There are so many ways YOU as a parent can be involved!

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Parental Involvement Standards

Eastside Elementary School strives to educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff in the value and utility of contributions of parents and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between home and school. A variety of professional learning sessions are provided throughout the year to discuss parent and teacher understanding and communication. We also offer two designated Parent-Teacher Conference opportunities and multiple family engagement events. We invite and encourage families to attend!

Eastside Elementary School strives to ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are sent to parents of students in Title 1 programs in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. Eastside provides Title 1 documents, family engagement invitations, and school-wide newsletters in both English and Spanish. A variety of communication formats are used including paper copies, Kinvo messaging, Facebook posts, Peachjar e-mails, reminder bracelets, front marquee, and phone calls.

Eastside Elementary strives to provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request.



We would love to have you volunteer! Please complete the appropriate volunteer paperwork and return it to school! You may request a copy in the front office or print it out by visiting

<http://www.coffee.k12.ga.us/?DivisionID=24030>