

**Lithia Springs Elementary School
Title I Parent Involvement Policy 2015-2016**

**Lithia Springs Elementary School
Parent Involvement Plan
For Shared Student Success
2015-2016 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Lithia Springs Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce 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 Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Lithia Springs Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Lithia Springs Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Lithia Springs Elementary will support parent 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 developed? This policy was designed through a collaborative effort with parents, teachers, the Parent Outreach Specialist (POS), the Instructional Lead Teacher (ILT), and school administrators. Each year a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is selected for the school term. The PAC meets a minimum of twice during the school year and at least once annually to review and revise the Parent Engagement Policy. All parents are invited to attend these meetings to offer input. Lithia Springs Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also post an annual survey online and distribute these surveys with students to take home for parental input.

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. Lithia Springs Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with a copy of the LEA (District) Parent Involvement Plan and the Title I School-Parent Compact with all students. It is also posted on the Lithia Springs Elementary website, and additional copies are available in the Parent Resource Center.

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2015-16 District Goals

- All Title I schools in the district will increase their 2016 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score by 5% points.

2015-16 School Goals

- Lithia Springs Elementary School will increase their 2015 CCRPI score by 3% points.



School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Lithia Springs Elementary, the Parent Advisory Council, and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Parent Advisory Council meetings. The signed school-parent compacts are kept with the Instructional Lead Teacher in the Parent Resource Center.

Let's Get Together!

Lithia Springs Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

Academic Parent-Teacher Team Meetings

Families will be trained to support children's academic goals by linking home and school learning.

- ✓ Kindergarten-1st Mtg. -September 21, 2015
- ✓ -First Grade-1st Mtg. -September 22, 2015
- ✓ Kindergarten-2nd Mtg. - January 25, 2016
- ✓ First Grade-2nd Mtg. - January 26, 2016
- ✓ Kindergarten-3rd Mtg.-March 28, 2016
- ✓ First Grade-3rd Mtg.-March 29, 2016

Eureka Math Parent Tutoring Nights (3 nights)

- ✓ K- August 20, 2015; November 5, 2015; and April 14, 2016
- ✓ 1st-September 14, 2015; November 9, 2015; and January 11, 2016
- ✓ 2nd-August 17, 2015; October 1, 2015; and January 21, 2016
- ✓ 3rd-September 8, 2015; October 15, 2015; and March 8, 2016
- ✓ 4th-August 19, 2015; November 10, 2015; and March 9, 2016
- ✓ 5th-August 18, 2015; October 19, 2015; and January 14, 2016

Title I Family Orientation Meeting

- ✓ October 6, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Parent Technology Day

- ✓ November 19, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

5th Grade Transition to Middle School (at Turner Middle School)

- ✓ TBA

Latin Lunch- Monthly (last Wednesday)

- ✓ 12:00 noon

PAC Meetings

- ✓ September 8, 2015
- ✓ February 9, 2016
- ✓ May 10, 2016

***All times and dates are subject to change.**

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Parental Involvement

Lithia Springs Elementary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including/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.

Lithia Springs Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this policy and may be able to help those who need assistance in order to participate in our programs.

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Lithia Springs Elementary is Branching Out!

Lithia Springs 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 that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, Facebook page, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct staff development at least 3 times per school year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in the school and/or grade level newsletters 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, such as phone messages, 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 for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Student Achievement



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Parent Involvement Standards

Lithia Springs 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

Parent Advisory Council

Lithia Springs Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council (**PAC**) to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The **PAC** will meet three times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the **PAC**, please contact the Principal or Instructional Lead Teacher at (770) 651-4100, or complete the interest form and leave it in the Office.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Advisory Council (PAC).
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Advisory Council
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

