

**Lithia Springs Elementary School  
Title I Parent Involvement Policy 2016-2017**

**Lithia Springs Elementary School  
Parent Involvement Plan  
For Shared Student Success  
2016-2017 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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**2016-2017 District Goals**

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessments will increase by five percentage points.

**2016-2017 School Goals**

Lithia Springs Elementary School will increase their 2016 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 Parent Outreach Facilitator 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-1<sup>st</sup> Mtg. -September 19, 2016
- ✓ First Grade-1<sup>st</sup> Mtg. -September 20, 2016
- ✓ Second Grade-1<sup>st</sup> Mtg. – September 21, 2016
- ✓ Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Mtg. - January 30, 2017
- ✓ First Grade-2<sup>nd</sup> Mtg. - January 31, 2017
- ✓ Second Grade-2<sup>nd</sup> Mtg. –February 1, 2017
- ✓ Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Mtg.-April 10, 2017
- ✓ First Grade-3<sup>rd</sup> Mtg.-April 11, 2017
- ✓ Second Grade-3<sup>rd</sup> Mtg.-April 12, 2017

**Eureka Math K-5 Parent Overview**

- ✓ K- 5 August 22, 2016

**Title I Family Orientation Meeting**

- ✓ October 13, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Parent Technology Day**

- ✓ November 17, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition to Middle School** (at Turner Middle School)

- ✓ TBA

**Latin Lunch- Monthly (last Wednesday of each month)**

- ✓ 12:00 noon

**PAC Meetings**

- ✓ September 6, 2016
- ✓ February 6, 2017
- ✓ May 2, 2017

***\*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 Parent Outreach Facilitator at (770) 651-4167, 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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