

East Fannin Elementary School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2016–2017 School Year

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What is Title I?

East Fannin Elementary 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 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 East Fannin Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. East Fannin Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that East Fannin 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 revised?

East Fannin Elementary School invited all parents to attend our School Governance Team meeting last spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school Web site 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 distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during parent meetings and activities throughout the school year.

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. East Fannin 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 included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will also send a copy of the plan home for parents in August. Additionally, the plan will be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2016–17 District & School Vision

The Fannin County School System will be recognized as a world class school system that holds a vision of excellence for all students with successful progression at each level and a 100% graduation rate.

2016–17 EFES School Mission

Developing Young Futures;
Learning for Tomorrow,
Today.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, East Fannin Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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 throughout the year. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.



Let's Get Together!

East Fannin 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 to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – August 4, 2016

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

Annual Title I Meeting – August 18, 2016

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home with students and posted on the school website.

Curriculum Night – August 18, 2016

Parents will meet with student's teacher(s) to learn about different areas of their child's academics.

Volunteers Welcome – August 11, 2016

Opportunity for parents to receive information on all required trainings needed in order to volunteer within the school environment.

Technology Talk – September 22, 2016 & January 26, 2017

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning and how to navigate parent portal.

Family Night & STEM Night – January 24, 2017

Learn how to make reading, math, and science fun at home.

Milestones Assessment Night – February 2017

Parents will receive an overview of the Milestones Assessment and are provided online resources to help them better assist their child in achievement.

Transition Meetings (Kindergarten and Middle School) – March 2017 & May 2017

Parents will be offered opportunities to participate in a meeting ensuring a smooth transition from Pre-K to kindergarten and from elementary to middle school.

Parent Appreciation – April 2017

A celebration of parent engagement and the recognition of parental involvement impact on student success.

Federal Budget Stakeholder/Parent Meeting – May 2017

Parents are invited to meet with FCSS Director of Instructional Services and School Improvement to offer input to the Title I-A federal budget allocation.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 7th, November 18th, & March 31st

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Parent Workshops – Monthly

Parents will be offered workshops on various subjects related to student achievement and building ties between parents and school.

Parent Advisory Team - Monthly

Parents meet to support learning at East Fannin, offer input, and help involve other parents.

School Governance Team (SGT) – Monthly

SGT provides advice, recommendations, and assistance to principals and the local board of education. Then in May SGT provides an opportunity for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parental involvement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.



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 available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Parental Involvement

East Fannin 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, 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.

East Fannin 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.

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East Fannin Elementary is Branching Out!

East Fannin 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 available in both English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school calendar and/or newsletters for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Fannin County Middle School by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for school transitions.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish to assist parents in understanding 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 schoolwide events and activities, through Blackboard 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 and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our community leaders and business groups improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Offer classes for parents to help further enhance their ability to increase student achievement.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent involvement activities.



Parental Involvement Standards

East Fannin Elementary and our parents have adopted the following 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 Team

East Fannin Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet monthly during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Team, please contact the Parent Liaison, Sheena Rymer, at (706) 374-6418 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



Parent Advisory Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Advisory Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more joining the Parent Advisory Team
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

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) _____

