**Lavonia Elementary School**

***Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success***

*2018–2019 School Year*

*Lavonia Elementary School*

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**What is Title I?**

Lavonia Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family   
 engagement. All Title I   
 schools must jointly   
 develop with   
 parents and family

members a written  
 parent and family  
 engagement  
 policy.

School Plan for Shared

Student Achievement

**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Lavonia Elementary will provide

opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning.

Lavonia 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

Lavonia 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?**

Lavonia Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Family Engagement Planning Coffee to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, and our school-parent compact. 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 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. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event.

**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. Lavonia 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?**

At the beginning of the year, the plan is available on the school website and social media page. The plan is available in the Library, at all parent night events, and in the office. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2018–19 District Goals

1)  Focus**:** Increase % of students scoring at performance levels 3 & 4 on Milestones EOG and EOC. Smart Goal:  Through the PLC process, the % of students scoring at levels 3 & 4 on GA Milestones in ELA and mathematics will increase by 2% per year over the next three years.

 2) Focus:  Decrease in discipline incidences across all grade levels and schools

   Smart Goal:  The number of discipline incidences will decrease by 3% per year over the next three years.

2018–19 School Goals

1) “100% of collaborative teams will show growth on the “Building Collaborative Culture Through High-Performing Teams” continuum for the 2018-19 school year.”

2) “LES students will increase the % of those scoring in proficient/distinguished category in ELA by the following % per grade level: 3rd: 3%, 4th: 4%, 5th: 3%.”

3) “LES students will increase the % of those scoring in proficient/distinguished category in MATH by the 3% in all grade levels.”

4) “LES students will decrease the number of office referrals during the 18-19 school year from 127-115 (10% decrease). LES will decrease the percentage of physical contact referrals from 55 to 22 (40% decrease).”

5). “LES will increase the % of students who met the criteria of not being absent 10% or more of enrolled days from 88.45% to 90%.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Lavonia 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 during the

School Forum. The

school-parent compacts

also are shared with

parents during

parent-teacher

conferences and

kept with each child’s

teacher if parents

need another copy.

**Let’s Get Together!**

Lavonia Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family members will be held in the evening.

Open House – August 7, 2018

Meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Invitations will

be sent to your student’s address.

Title I Collaboration Coffee- TBD

Parents will collaborate with teachers and students to design the 2017-2018 student, teacher, parent compact.

Parents will also collaborate to discuss ideas for the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Invitations will be sent home in Friday’s folders, a call out school wide, social media, school newsletter, and local media.

Fall Book Fair – September 24-28th

Parents and Guardians are invited to attend the book fair to obtain reading material for their student.

7 Mindsets & PBIS Night- September 24

We invite you to attend an evening of learning about climate and culture programs your student is implementing at Lavonia Elementary School.

Grandparents Fair and Share–September 27

We invite all grandparents for our annual sip and see. Grandparents will experience a segment of their child’s day. The student will showcase writing samples, read them a book of choice, and attend the book fair with their student.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 8 &9

Scheduled updates on your child’s progress.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 18th

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. Invitations will be sent home in Friday’s folder and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

Literacy Night – October 18th

Walk away with tools that will reinforce skills and allow your child to innovate and create products that showcase their learning and grasp an understanding of literacy. You will walk away with a book to read with your student.

Wax Museum – November TBA

Milestones Night for 3-5– Spring TBA

County Wide Art Show- TBA at FCMS

Junior Olympics- TBA FCHS (4th and 5th)

Awards Ceremony- May TBA

Celebration of our 5th grade students.

Promotion Ceremony-

Celebration of our 5th grade students.

School Forum- June 4-6th

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

Coffee – Monthly

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child’s education.

Lavonia Elementary is committed to helping our

parents and families attend the family

activities listed in this policy. Please call

or email us if you need assistance with

child care or transportation in order to

participate in our programs.

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**Lavonia Elementary is Branching Out!**

Lavonia Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 or other preferred languages, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families when requested.
* Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
* Partner with early childhood programs*,* middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
* Share information in English and Spanish or other preferred languages in the school newsletter 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 schoolwide events and activities, through 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 parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
* 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.
* Improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
* Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
* Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents’ requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

**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 – 4:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Lavonia Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.

**School Community Volunteer Team**

* Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Volunteer Team.
* Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Volunteer Team.
* Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name:

Child’s Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

School Community Volunteer Team

Lavonia Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet 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 website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact Braden Holland, school counselor at 706-356-8209.

**Share Your Thoughts**

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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)

Comment/Suggestion:

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Lavonia 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