

**Title I
Parent Involvement Policy
2020-2021
Echols County High School

Mr. Zane Craven, Principal**

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Echols County District Student Achievement Goals 2020-2021

The mission of Echols Lowndes County School System is to include all stakeholders in providing students with a rigorous curriculum and access to technology that will enable all students to reach their maximum potential in a safe, nurturing environment.

Academic Goal: *Student learning will improve as teachers develop necessary skills to engage students through distance Learning. Teachers will develop necessary skills to actively engage students in distance learning through Microsoft Teams and other assigned programs.*

Echols County High School Achievement Goals 2020-2021

1. Teachers will use a common curriculum framework to ensure alignment of instruction to Georgia Standards of Excellence that supports practice and collaboration among staff in improving achievement.
2. Decrease the achievement gap in proficiency between the lowest and highest performing subgroups by 3% as measured by the Georgia Milestones.

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*“Reaching Excellence
Through Teamwork”*

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Title I Information

Echols County High School is a School-Wide Title I School. The purpose of Title I is to improve the entire educational program in the school, which results in improving the academic achievement of all students, particularly the lowest achieving students. The goal of Title I is to also assist those students to demonstrate proficiency on academic standards. Title I places a high focus on involving all parents.

Echols County High School will:

- ✓ Jointly develop and agree on with parents, and distribute to parents a written Parent Involvement Policy. This policy will be updated, at least annually. This policy will be available to our local community on the Echols County High School website.
- ✓ Build and maintain a close relationship with parents and community. Feedback from our parents through workshop evaluations and surveys is critical in developing a Parental Involvement Policy and will also assist in evaluating the effectiveness of our parent involvement program. All unsatisfactory comments will be submitted to the District Office.
- ✓ Hold an Annual Title I Meeting in the fall of each year to inform parents of our school's participation in Title I. During this meeting, the Compact, grading, local and state curriculum and assessments, the requirements of Title I, and the right of the parents to be involved in their child’s education will be explained. All parents will be invited and encouraged to attend. The Georgia Performance Standards and The Georgia Milestones Assessment will be explained.
- ✓ Will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive, learning environment that enables our students to meet or exceed Georgia’s student performance standards.
- ✓ To meet the need of all parents, we will offer meetings, workshops and other learning opportunities for parents, using a flexible schedule, such as meetings in the mornings, lunch, and evening. When feasible, Title I funds may be used to pay for transportation, childcare, and other services that help eliminate parent barriers. Invitational fliers will be sent home with the students to inform parents of opportunities to participate. Other communication efforts to the parents will be through our school and district websites, newsletters, school call-out, and school marquee messages.
- ✓ Provide Professional Learning opportunities for teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff members in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for parents to participate in learning activities with their children such as: Annual meetings, Parent Connect Meetings, Career Fair, Apply to College Day, and other workshops requested by parents through parent surveys.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for parents to be responsible for their child’s learning and success by volunteering, monitoring attendance, homework completion, limiting television viewing, and participating in academic parent involvement events.



School-Parent Compacts

The School-Parent Compact is a written agreement that is jointly developed with teachers/staff, parents and students. Every school receiving Title I funds must develop a Compact and update it, at least, annually, with parent, student, teacher/staff feedback. It is an important document that explains what families and schools can do to help students reach high academic goals. This Compact will serve as a clear reminder of everybody's responsibility to take action at school and at home so students can achieve academically. The School-Parent Compact will be kept in the teacher's room and reviewed with parents at Parent-Teacher conferences throughout the year.

Echols County High School will:

- ✓ Involve parents, students, and staff, in the joint development of the School-Parent-Student Compact that outlines how parents will be responsible for supporting student learning. The Compact will be updated, at least annually; all parents will be encouraged to provide feedback.
- ✓ Address the importance of ongoing communication between teachers and parents through parent-teacher conferences, Annual Title I meeting to discuss the role of the Parent-Student-School Compact as it relates to a child's achievement, regular progress reporting, and by providing reasonable access to staff and school activities, including parent-teacher conferences.
- ✓ Invite and encourage all parents to Parent Connect Meetings throughout the school year so they can offer feedback on the following documents: School and District Parent Involvement Policies, Compact, School-Wide Plan, School Improvement Plan and Continuous LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP).
- ✓ Communicate all school related information and progress towards the mastery of the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) in many ways, including, but not limited to: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Parent Workshops, School and District Websites, Emails, Phone Calls, and School Handbook.
- ✓ Coordinate and integrate parent involvement activities Title I-B, Migrant, Title I-C, Homeless, Vocational Education, and other programs, to the extent feasible and appropriate. Transition and opportunities for parents to be involved will be offered throughout the school year. This will include, but not limited to, 9th grade transition opportunities.
- ✓ Provide assistance to parents in understanding the academic content and assessments, as well as how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, in a format that is practicable and in a language that parents can understand. Title I documents will be made available in other languages, when feasible. ECHS has a liaison available for home visits to provide information.
- ✓ Coordinate materials and workshops for parents to further enhance their ability to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request on Workshop Evaluations, Parent Surveys, and verbal requests.
- ✓ Neglected and Delinquent Students –If the need arises, services will be provided.

The Parent Involvement Policy is for all parents of ECHS students and community stakeholders. A copy of the Parent Involvement Policy will be sent home with each student at the beginning of the school year. The policy will be posted on the ECHS website and hard copies will be available upon request.

Parental Involvement

Parent Involvement is the participation of parents in regular, two-way communication, involving student academic learning and other activities.

Building Capacity

To Increase Parent Involvement

ECHS will educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principal, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in 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. These opportunities will be made available through Power Point presentations and electronic handouts.

You are invited ~ Please join us!!

ECHS will host the following meetings/events to build capacity for a strong Parental Involvement Partnership among the school, parents and community, to improve student academic achievement.

- **Title I Annual Parent Meeting – September** – All parents are invited to ECHS to learn about our School-Wide Title I Program. The following items will be discussed: School-Parent-Student Compact, Parent Involvement Budget, different types of School Improvement Plans, state and local curriculum and assessments, Parents Right to Know and to be involved, and other important Title I information.
- **Echols County High School Parent Connect Meetings:** - To discuss, plan, and evaluate Parent Involvement activities. Parents will be encouraged to provide feedback on Title I documents. Community Partners in Education (CPIE) are invited and encouraged to attend.
 - ◆ December
 - ◆ February
 - ◆ March
 - ◆ April
- **Other Parent Involvement Opportunities:**
 - ◆ Fall Open House
 - ◆ Career Fair
 - ◆ PTSA/Fall Festival
 - ◆ CTAE Community Partners
 - ◆ Apply to College Day
 - ◆ Workshops requested by the majority of parents per parent survey

Interest Form - Echols County High School Parent Connect Team

Hello,

Please consider joining the Echols County High School Parent Connect Team. We will meet four times this school year to discuss, plan, and evaluate parent involvement activities. Parents/stakeholders are always encouraged to provide feedback in the process of updating/revising all Title I documents. If you are interested in serving on this team, please fill out the form below and return to your child's teacher.

Thanks for ALL that you do,

**Zane Craven
Principal**

-----Please fill out and return to your child's teacher-----

_____, Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Connect Team at ECHS!

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ **Grade** _____

Email: _____

Contact Number _____