

East Laurens High School
Parental Involvement Plan
2016-2017 School Year



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Title I Information

East Laurens High 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.

Description of East Laurens High School's Parental Involvement Plan

What is it? This is a plan that describes how East Laurens High School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. East Laurens High 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 East Laurens High will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school.

How is it developed? East Laurens High 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 distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our annual Title I meetings to revise the plan for the upcoming school year.

Who is it for? All students 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 Laurens High School 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 each student of East Laurens High School. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in the East Lauren High School Media Center or on the school website.

2016-2017 LCBOE District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Increase the percentage of students scoring at proficient and distinguished on the Georgia Milestones.

East Laurens High School's Parent Involvement Program and Activities

East Laurens High School 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

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

Annual Title I Meeting

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted in the school newsletter, and a reminder will be given through our phone call system.

Rising 9th Grade Orientation/Transition Parent Meeting

Learn about the transition to high school. This meeting is for 8th grade students and parents only.

Rising 12th Grade Orientation/Transition Parent Meeting

Learn about the transition to Senior high school year. This meeting is for 11th grade students and parents only.

Honors Nights

We invite you to share in the recognition of student academic success and achievement.

FAFSA Night

You will receive information on the application process for financial aid and college loan procedures.

ELHS End of Year Title I Meeting

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, East Laurens High School 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.

Parental Involvement

East Laurens High School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, 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;

East Laurens High School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you have any suggestions or concerns about any of our programs planned for this year.

East Laurens High School Promise

East Laurens High School 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 posted on the school website and included in the school newsletter for all parents.
- Conduct staff development each quarter on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Share information on the school website and 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 school-wide events and activities. such as phone messages. social media. Remind.com and flvers.