

# East Laurens Primary School

## Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan 2020-2021



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### What is Title I?

East Laurens Primary 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 East Laurens Primary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. East Laurens Primary 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 East Laurens Primary 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?

East Laurens Primary School invited all parents to attend our Title I Spring meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Since school closed in March 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting did not occur in person. Instead the meeting was posted on our school website along with feedback forms and family input was collected. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. 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. 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 family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during Family Learning Nights which are held 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 Laurens Primary 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 posted on our school webpage. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in the media center. The plan is available in English and Spanish.

## LCBOE District Goals

- 1- Increase the percentage of students reading on grade level based on CCRPI Lexile Levels by 3%.
- 2- Increase number of students in ELA and Math scoring on the GMAS at a proficient or distinguished level by 3%.
- 3- Increase the percentage of subgroup populations scoring at the proficient level on the GMAS by 3%.
- 4- Increase or maintain school climate rating at each school by utilizing support resources and professional development as measured by the State Report Card and CCRPI score.

## ELP School Goals

For FY21, 80% of the student population will be reading on or above grade level according to the Reading Inventory grade level proficiency ranges by May 2021.

For FY21, 80% of the student population will have a Quantile score within or above grade level proficiency ranges by May 2021.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, ELP and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students design to explain 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.

The School-Parent Compacts are also shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if an additional copy is needed.

## Let's Work Together!

East Laurens Primary 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.

### *Open House*

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

### *Annual Title I Virtual Meeting*

We invite you to an evening of online 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. This is an informational meeting held in the Fall of the school year.

### *Google Classroom Training*

Learn how to navigate Google Classroom and Parent Portal. A member of our technology staff will host a live online training for parents.

### *Literacy Initiatives*

Learn how to help improve your child's literacy. Information, tips, and links will be sent home periodically. In person meetings will be scheduled if possible.

### *Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences*

Receive scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### *Academic Virtual Focus Nights*

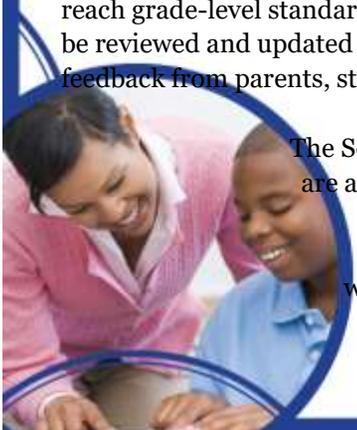
Participate in these opportunities to gain knowledge about topics relevant to their child's education.

### *Annual Title 1 Spring Meeting*

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review the school-wide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

### *Parent Resource Center*

Check out our family resources in the media center set aside to help you work with your children at home. Call ahead and we'll help you find just the right thing to help you help your learner improve and succeed in school.



**Parent Resource Center**  
**Location: ELP Media Center**

Call ahead and 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, 8-3.

## Parent and Family Engagement

ELP believes that family engagement is the participation of parents and family members 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.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.

ELP is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you have any questions.

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## East Laurens Primary Promise

ELP 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 posted on the school website, school Facebook page, and teacher newsletters for all parents.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during Professional Learning Communities 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.
- ✓ Partner with Pre-K programs, 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 other languages (upon request) 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.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

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-Teacher Organization

ELP invites all parents to join PTO to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. PTO meetings are held regularly during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any time, as well as through our parent surveys. If you would like to learn more about the PTO, please contact the principal at 478-272-4440 or [janellebutler@lcboe.net](mailto:janellebutler@lcboe.net).

## Parent Volunteer Opportunities

*If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this information card and return to school. As opportunities present themselves, you will be contacted. Thank you for your willingness to invest in ELP.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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