

East Laurens Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan



2020-2021 School Year

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What is Title I?

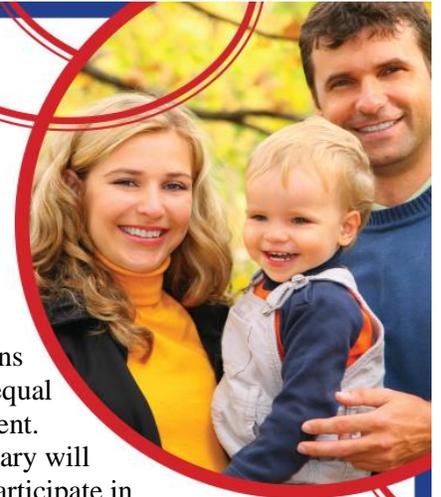
East Laurens Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based 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 East Laurens Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. East Laurens 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 East Laurens 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?

East Laurens Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Spring Meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. 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 provide written copies upon request 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 Academic Focus Night 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 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 posted on our webpage, Facebook page, and sent home via Remind. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in ELE Media Center.

2020–2021 District Goals

In our efforts to increase **rigor** and student achievement, to provide **relevant** curriculum learning experiences, and to build meaningful **relationships** with our students and stakeholders, the Laurens County School System has set the following goals for FY21

Goal 1: Increase the percentage of students reading on grade level based on CCRPI Lexile levels by 3%

Goal 2: Increase the number of students in ELA and Math scoring on the GMAS at a proficient or distinguished level by 3%.

Goal 3: Increase the percentage of subgroup populations scoring at the proficient level on the GMAS by 3%.

Goal 4: Increase or maintain school climate ratings at each school by utilizing support resources and professional development as measured by the State Report Card and CCRPI score.

2020–2021 School Goals

ELA: The percentage students at ELE scoring Proficient and above in ELA on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.

- Vocabulary Development (to increase Lexile levels)

Math: The percentage students at ELE scoring Proficient and above in Math on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.

- Math Computation

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, ELE 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

Title I Spring Meeting. 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.

Parent Involvement!

East Laurens 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. Meetings will be scheduled at various times and in different formats throughout the year.

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 plan, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home in signed paper folders and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and school marquee.

Google Classroom Training

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

Academic Virtual Focus Nights

Opportunity for parents to gain knowledge about topics relevant to their child's education. Also, learn how to make learning fun at home.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Literacy Initiatives

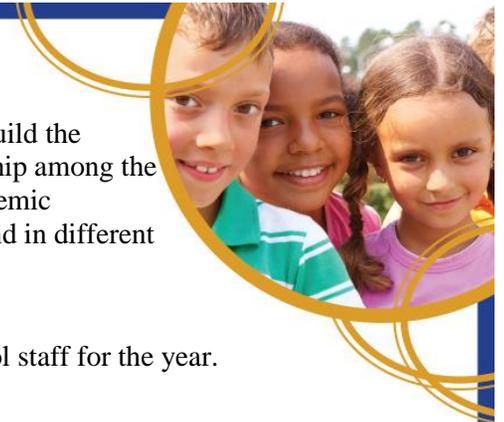
Information, tips, and links will be sent home periodically to help parents improve their child's literacy. In person meetings will be scheduled if possible.

Annual Title I Spring Meeting

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

Parent Resource Center

Provide resources in the library that are specifically for parents to help you work with your child at home to help them become more successful at school. Check out these resources by appointment only during regular school hours (8:00-3:00).



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, (by appointment)
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

ELE 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.

ELE is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. 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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East Laurens Elementary School Promise

East Laurens 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 posted on the school website and included in weekly newsletters for all families.
- ✓ 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 East Laurens Primary and East Laurens Middle School, 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 (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, Remind.com 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.
- ✓ Use our ELE School Council to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events using feedback cards in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians of students at East Laurens Elementary will be made available upon request.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

ELE 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

Parent-Teacher Organization

ELE invites all parents to join the 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 school activity or meeting, as well through our parent surveys. If you would like to learn more about the PTO, please contact the principal at 478-272-8612 or kellydean@lcboe.net.



Parent Volunteers are Needed!

Yes, I am interested in volunteering at ELE.

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade and Teacher: _____

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 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) _____

