



Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2020–2021 School Year

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What is Title I?

East Fannin Elementary 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 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 parental
involvement
policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how East Fannin Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. East Fannin Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that East Fannin Elementary will support parent 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 Fannin Elementary School invites all parents to attend the School Governance Team meeting, Parent Advisory Group meeting, and various other meetings to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our School-Parent Compact, and the Parental Involvement 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 send surveys home with students, which are made available online, 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 parent meetings and activities 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 Fannin Elementary 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, East Fannin will make available a copy of the plan for parents in September. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center at EFES or on the school website.

2020–2021 District Goals

In 2020-21, students taking the Milestones ELA assessments will meet or exceed the 3% achievement improvement targets.

In 2020-21, students taking the Milestones Math assessments will meet or exceed the 3% achievement improvement targets.

2020–21 School Goals

EFES has committed to improving the following areas for the school year:

- Literacy
- Math
- Climate and Culture (*attendance, PBIS, MTSS, and implementing instructional initiatives*)

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, East Fannin 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 of our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on

feedback from parents, students, and teachers throughout the year. The

School-Parent Compacts are kept with each child's teacher, if parents need a copy.

Moreover, a copy is kept in the Parent Resource Center at all times.

Let's Get Together!

East Fannin 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. The school will ensure that all meetings are held at various times.

Open House – August 6, 2020 - Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 2020 - 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. Notification of the meeting will be posted on the school website and Facebook page.

Curriculum Event – August 2020 - Parents will meet with student's teacher(s) to learn about different areas of their child's academics.

Volunteers Welcome – August 2020 - Opportunity for parents to receive information on all required trainings needed in order to volunteer within the school environment.

Technology Workshops – August 2020 - Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning and how to navigate parent portal.

Literacy Night – September 2020 - Help parents learn more information about Lexile levels and how to help students grow as readers.

Milestones Assessment Meeting – February 2021 - Parents will receive an overview of the Milestones assessment, and are provided online resources to help them better assist their child in academic areas.

Transition Meetings (Kindergarten and Middle School) – March 2021 & May 2021 - Parents will be offered opportunities to participate in a meeting, ensuring a smooth transition from Pre-K to kindergarten, and from elementary to middle school.

Parent Appreciation – April 2021 - A celebration of parent engagement and the recognition of parental involvement impact on student success.

Federal Budget Stakeholder/Parent Meeting – April/May 2021 - Parents and community stakeholders are invited and encouraged to participate in our annual review of our District Comprehensive Needs Assessment and provide input into our District and School Improvement Plans throughout the year. School Improvement Teams and School Governance Teams comprised of parents, community members, school, and district employees will review, discuss, and revise improvement plans and make tentative budget decisions each spring.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 16th & March 5th - Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Parent Workshops - Parents will be offered workshops on various topics related to student achievement and building ties between parents and school.

Parent Advisory Team/Parent Teacher Organization – Monthly - Parents meet to support learning at East Fannin, offer input, and help involve other parents.

School Governance Team (SGT) – Monthly - SGT provides advice, recommendations, and assistance to principals and the local board of education. In the spring, SGT provides an opportunity for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, Parental Involvement Policy, School-Parent Compacts and the Family Engagement Budget.



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 and iPads are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

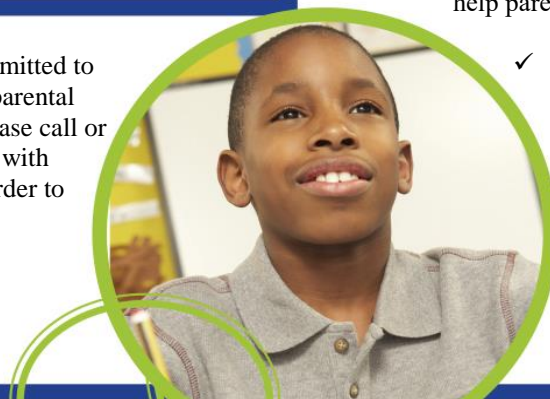
Parent & Family Engagement

East Fannin Elementary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in meaningful two-way 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.
- 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.

East Fannin Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Sheena Rymer, Parent Liaison
(706) 374-6418 or
srymer@fannin.k12.ga.us



East Fannin Elementary is Branching Out!

East Fannin Elementary 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 information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are available in English and Spanish (upon request), posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school calendar and/or weekly newsletters for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Fannin County Middle School by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for school transitions.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish (upon request) to assist parents in understanding 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 Infinite Campus 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 parental involvement.
- ✓ 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 community leaders and business groups to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- ✓ Offer classes or video resources for parents and family members to help further support learning at home.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at events, via email and other forms, in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support with parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

East Fannin Elementary and our parents have adopted the following 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 Advisory Team/Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

East Fannin Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Team/Parent Teacher Organization to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet monthly during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Team/PTO, please contact the Parent

Liaison, Sheena Rymer, at (706) 374-6418 or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office or Parent Resource Center.

Parent Advisory Team/Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Advisory Team/PTO
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more joining the Parent Advisory Team/PTO
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

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 or Parent Resource Center:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

If it is necessary to have this information translated please contact Mrs. Alejandra Mills at your child's school. Si usted necesita que este documento sea traducido pueden llamar a la Sra. Alejandra Mills a la escuela de su hijo.

