



Lee County Middle School East Campus Family Engagement Plan

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Special points of interest:

- Addresses academic achievement
- Involves parents Title Math and Reading Nights October 7, 2021 & January 13, 2022
- Annual Review May 5, 2022
- Welcomes input/communication @ meetings, with surveys, and via email/phone.

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What is the purpose of a family engagement plan?

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Lee County Middle School East Campus receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school’s expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school’s plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

Lee County Middle School East Campus agrees to....

Lee County Middle School East Campus agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative for mats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
- (C) 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
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

Open House

Fall 2021

Workshops

Parent Nights

Surveys

Spring 2022

The school will convene an annual meeting, Title I Open House, during the first 9 weeks of school to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I and what this means for them.

Newsletters

Other

Opportunities for Parent Involvement

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Lee County Middle School East Campus will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Each year parents will be invited to attend a meeting at the end of the school year to participate in the planning, review, and improvements of the school parental involvement policy and school-parent compact. This annual review meeting will occur May 5, 2022. In addition to the meeting, yearly surveys will be sent to parents for further input in the delivery of services and workshops offered during the school year.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Lee County Middle School East Campus will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the par-

ents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact. The school will convene an annual meeting, Title I Open House, on October 7, 2021, to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I and what this means for them. The school paren-

tal involvement policy and school-parent compact will be provided to all parents at this meeting.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Lee County Middle School East Campus will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

The school will provide parents with resources, materials, and training in literacy and math related areas to work with their children by hosting a Title I Math and Reading Night for students and parents. Lee County Middle School East Campus will work with community based organizations, such as Lee County Family Connection and ASPIRE, to develop and implement parent involvement activities. This partnership would include all the educational levels and community businesses. Information about opportunities for organizations and businesses to work with parents and schools will be provided. The formation of partnerships between elementary, middle and secondary schools and local businesses that include a role for parents will be encouraged. Each school has a number of business partners which will be used as deemed necessary to accomplish this goal.

COMMUNICATION

Lee County Middle School East Campus will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement
- Information related to the school and parent , meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand

The parent and family engagement policy and school-parent compact will be distributed to all parents at the annual Title I Open House during the first nine weeks of school. These items will be sent home with students if a parent does not attend the meeting. Parents will also be informed of the various avenues of communication that will be used by school personnel to share information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities. The school will offer childcare for parents who otherwise would not be able to attend scheduled meetings.



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SCHOOL—PARENT COMPACT

Lee County Middle School East Campus will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state’s high standards.

Each year parents will be invited to attend a meeting at the end of the school year to participate in the planning, review, and improvements of the school parental involvement policy and school-parent compact.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Lee County Middle School East Campus will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright privacy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - 1.) The challenging Georgia Standards of Excellence
 - 2.) The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - 3.) The requirements of Title I, Part A
 - 4.) How to monitor their child's progress
 - 5.) How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

The school will provide parents of participating children timely information about:

- Title I programs in the school
- Diagnostic information gathered on their child as well as a plan for acceleration
- A description of the curriculum in use
- The forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. This includes Ga Milestones results, semester grades, universal screening/benchmark results, and/or results from other progress monitoring tools used in Title I classes specifically.
- Opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions, share experience, and participate in appropriate decision making. The school will respond to suggestions/input from parents in a timely manner.
- Lee County Middle School East Campus will collect all unsatisfactory parent comments regarding the LEA Plan and submit them with the plan to the SEA.

The school will provide assistance to participating parents in such areas but not limited to understanding:

- National Education Goals
- State content standards and requirements
- School Improvement initiatives
- School wide needs assessment
- Components of a Target Assisted Program
- State and local academic assessments
- Requirements of Title IA
- Ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with the educators to improve the performance of their children
- Ways parents can participate in decisions for educating their children

Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics

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BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

Lee County Middle School East Campus will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, 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 parents and the school by:

The school will educate teachers in the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners. Teachers will have access to trainings, webinars, and other online resources to assist with building their capacity to work effectively and in partnership with parents. Teachers, parents, and school counselors will work together to conduct effective academic parent-teacher team meetings as determined necessary by the teacher or parent.

Lee County Middle School East Campus will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

- Providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Arranging school meetings at a variety of times with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend conferences at school.
- Developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent and family engagement activities.