

East Side Elementary School Family Engagement Plan & P.T.A.C. Officers 2016-2017

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OUR MISSION

Our primary mission for East Side Elementary School is to provide a safe environment where our students are academically challenged and learn to work cooperatively in a school setting. Our focus is to meet the intellectual, emotional, physical, and social needs of all East Side students.

OUR VISION

We will strive to enable all children to develop according to their greatest potential and to acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed for a successful life.

OUR STAFF BELIEVES...

- * Students should be provided an environment conducive to the development of intellectual, social, and physical skills.
- * Students should be provided a balanced curriculum of language arts, science, mathematics, social studies, physical education and classroom guidance designed to develop fundamental skills and to meet individual needs.
- * Students should be provided a variety of materials, methods, groupings, and teaching techniques.
- * Students should be provided an opportunity to develop positive self-image, an inquiring mind, an appreciation of others, high moral standards, and good character.
- * Students should be given many opportunities to develop computer technology skills.
- * Students should be provided the skills necessary to effectively communicate both orally and in writing.
- * Students should be given opportunities to cultivate an awareness and appreciation of the arts.
- * The faculty promotes good school-community relationships through parent teacher cooperation and participation and desirable social relationships through better understanding of cultural, ethnic, and social differences.

East Side Elementary School Family Engagement Plan

East Side Elementary School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire time the child spends in school. To support the goal of the schools to educate all students effectively, the school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners. Parents are an integral component of a school's ability to successfully educate their children. East Side Elementary School acknowledges that engaging families is essential to improving student achievement, and that schools should foster and support active parental involvement.

The standards are:

1: Welcoming All Families into The School Community—Families are active participants in the life of the school and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class and school. The following events are held annually.

- "Get the Scoop" Open House in August
- "Bingo for Books" Family Reading Night (1 annually)
- Homecoming Tailgate and Faculty/Students Flag Football Game
- Field Day events for all grades
- 5th Grade Musical/Drama Productions
- 5th Grade Chorus Productions and Concert
- Parent and Grandparent Lunch Weeks
- Book Fairs (2 annually)
- Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony
- Camp Explore-5th grade annual trip with parent/teacher chaperones
- On campus Parent Coordinator

2: Communicating Effectively—Families and school staff engage in regular, meaningful communication about student learning.

- Grade Cards each 9 weeks
- Mid-Term reports every 4 weeks
- Weekly/Daily Folders including behavior charts
- School Newsletter each month
- Classroom newsletter/calendars (weekly/monthly)
- Two parent-teacher conferences per year system wide
- Phone calls, e-mails, and notes from individual teachers
- RTI meeting with parents
- RTI mid-term and end of term reports
- School Reach Message Line
- Homework Assignment Books including School Handbook

- Teacher websites and blogs
- Teacher email links available through school website
- Special Education Meetings with parents/guardians
- Student Handbooks given to all families at the beginning of the year including policies, parent pact, and other useful information

3: Supporting Student Success—Families and school staff continuously work together to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

- Family Engagement Activities to encourage parental involvement
- School Nurse to monitor student health and communicate with parents about health needs
- School Counselor
- PowerSchool Assessment Results in regular data meetings with students
- TN Ready results and information about new testing formats through literature and explanation of progress
- School Health programming, screenings, and medical services through the local health department
- Back Pack Program for families in need
- Christmas sponsors for families in need
- Early Learning Center Parent meeting with K teachers
- Fifth grade Middle School visit and schedule planning
- Fifth grade go to TAD for tour
- Girls on the Run program to encourage healthy lifestyles and fitness
- Free breakfast program available for all students
- After-school tutoring and homework assistance

4: Speaking Up for Every Child—Families are informed and enabled to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

- Parent Teacher Organization
- PTO Advisory Board
- RTI Meetings
- Special Education Meetings

5: Sharing Power—Families and school staff are equal partners with equal representation in decisions that affect students and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.

- Parent Organization meetings monthly
- RTI Meetings to discuss goals, intervention, and progress
- Parent Surveys and evaluations of parent involvement activities
- PTO Advisory Board
- School Leadership Meetings

6: Collaborating with Community—Families and school staff work together with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.

- All Pro Mom/Dad Meetings
- Participation in charity or fundraising activities that benefit both the school and community organizations
- Coat Drive for needy families
- Christmas gift distribution to needy families
- Canned food drive to support the Local Food Bank
- Back Pack food program for at-risk students (partnership with local churches)
- K-Kids Civic Organization
- Gymnasium open for community use
- Gym used for EHS/TAD basketball and baseball practice
- Homeroom Mom/Dad program for classroom events and parties

The East Side Elementary School Family Engagement Plan, established in collaboration with parents, includes programs and practices that enhance parental involvement and reflects the specific needs of students of all grade levels and their families. The Parental Involvement Plan involves the parents of students in all grade levels in a variety of roles. The plan recognizes that communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful.

Title 1 parent involvement activities will be coordinated with family engagement in other programs such as ELL, Early Childhood Preschool programs and homeless education. This will ensure that the impact of our Family Involvement Plan meets the needs of all students at any level. Staff members maintain records of parental involvement activities through sign-in sheets, agendas, and other documentation of parent contact. The FIP is evaluated each year to monitor effectiveness of programming and meet the needs of the students we serve.

The goal of East Side Elementary School is to assure an ongoing partnership between families, communities, and the school. We believe such a partnership is fundamental to the academic and social success of students. From this partnership, a support will evolve that will have a positive effect on student achievement and will produce a sense of cooperative responsibility in ensuring excellence in the educational process.