

## Eastside Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan Summary 2023-2024

Eastside's mission is to provide necessary foundations for students to reach their potential and become successful, productive citizens in our ever-changing world. Staff, parents, and students share the common goal of creating the positive environment in which students develop academically, emotionally, and socially.

It is our goal to engage schools and parents as full-time partners in the education of young people in a meaningful and productive way. We want to work with you in supporting your child's educational growth and success.

Eastside Elementary School is committed to provide a high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that will enable participating children, with the involvement of parent/guardians, to meet student performance standards set forth by the State of Arkansas for all students.

Eastside sets yearly goals based on data to grow our leadership behavior and achievement. We determine those goals after analyzing the prior year's state testing, student leadership surveys, and behavior referrals. Progress towards these goals are tracked by students, class, grade level, and as a school each quarter. These yearly goals are shared with all stakeholders during the Principal's Report to the Public each fall. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) begin in the classrooms of Eastside. The core principles include the understanding that we can and should:

- Effectively teach appropriate behavior to all children
- Intervene early before unwanted behaviors escalate
- Use research-based, scientifically validated interventions whenever possible
- Monitor student progress
- Use data to make decisions

Throughout the year, we will offer instruction to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment. Topics may include but are not limited to: reading with their child, math, science, technology, health and wellness including nutritional facts, allergies, attendance, how to prepare for state testing, safety, etc. Additional resources are available at the Parent Center located in the front office and the media center. Parents are encouraged to recommend additional resources or suggested parental topics for the Parent Center.

Eastside will provide frequent progress reports on state academic standards to parents/guardians. We will also provide parents reasonable access to staff by email, opportunities to meet during teacher planning time, during parent/ teacher conferences, or by appointment as requested by parents/ guardians. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in one or more of the opportunities made available throughout the year. Please feel free to participate in your child's class, and/or to observe classroom activities as requested by a parent and/or teacher.

Eastside will provide opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. This includes providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

Parents will be involved in the planning, review and improvement of Title 1 programs including the school parental involvement plan. A school-wide survey will be conducted annually and the information gathered will be considered in any changes for the new school year.

Eastside Elementary School is a **Title I school**. Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools. The Title I program supports a high-quality education for EVERY child, and in so doing, provides extra help to students that need it the most. The Title I federal money is used to provide a Reading Recovery teacher, Instructional Facilitators, instructional assistants, staff development, school-related activities for parents, and supplemental instructional materials. Also through the Title 1 Parent Involvement funding, we purchase the Tuesday Folders, the Parent Involvement Procedure/Calendar Manual, and Student Planners based on the recommendation of parents.

Eastside will hold an annual meeting at flexible times to inform parents of the school's participation in Title 1, Part A programs. At that time, an explanation will be given concerning the Title 1, Part A requirements and the rights of parents to be involved in those programs. The principal will also provide information on district and building goals, progress toward meeting those goals, and opportunities for parents to be involved. Teachers will also present on the following Act 307 of 2007:

- Ø What students will be learning (Quarterly Expectations, Standards-based Report Card)
- Ø How the students will be assessed (state and local)
- Ø What the parents should expect for their child's education
- Ø Ways the parent can assist and make a difference in their child's education
- Ø Advise parents of times during the day the teacher is available for conferences and two way communication.