



Ethridge Elementary School

Parent Involvement Policy

2023-2024

***Ethridge Elementary School*** recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the child spends in school. To support the goal that all children succeed academically and in life, the school and parents must work together as partners.

- I. An annual meeting will be held to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, to explain the Title I requirements and the right of parents to be involved. The school will invite all parents and will encourage them to attend.
- II. Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parental involvement policy and in the development of the schoolwide program in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
  - **Volunteers will be recruited to serve on the Campus Improvement Team (CIT)**
  - **The CIT will be responsible for the joint development of the schoolwide plan**
  - **The CIT will meet monthly to address campus needs as they relate to the schoolwide plan and the Parental Involvement Policy.**

- **Parents will be given the opportunity to comment on the schoolwide plan and Parental Involvement Policy when they are made public to the community.**

III. All information about Ethridge's Title I programs will be provided to parents in a uniform format that is easy to understand. Upon request, parents with disabilities will be provided information in alternative formats whenever reasonably possible. Parents will receive information in a language they can understand whenever reasonably possible. Parents should expect to receive information in the following ways:

- **Phone calls**
- **Memos**
- **School newsletters**
- **Campus web page**
- **School meetings**

IV. Information provided to parents about the Title I programs includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, assessments, and achievement levels which children are expected to reach. The school will give parents this information in the following ways:

- **The annual Title I meeting**
- **Regular parent teacher conferences**
- **Title I meetings and AVID Nights throughout the year**
- **Classroom newsletters**
- **Grade level meetings**
- **Meet the Teacher night**
- **Progress reports**
- **Report Cards**
- **STAAR Night**

V. Opportunities for regular meetings for parents to give suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children will be provided at the parent's request. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible. Parents who make requests will be given the opportunity to meet

- **Through meetings with the student's teacher which may include the Title I Parent Involvement Liaison, the principal, and other staff as appropriate**
- **Through meetings with the Student Support Team**

VII. In order to build and support a strong partnership among the school, parents, and community, and to improve student achievement, Ethridge Elementary School will do the following:

Ethridge Elementary School will help parents better understand the state and district standards, the assessments and how to monitor their child's progress in the following ways:

- **Regular parent teacher conferences**
- **Title I meetings and AVID Nights throughout the year**
- **Information given to parents in the Tuesday folders**
- **Meet the Teacher night**
- **Progress reports**
- **Report Cards**
- **STAAR Night**

Materials and training to help parents work with their child will be provided.

- **Math/Science Night**
- **Literacy Night**
- **Make and Take**
- **Online Gradebook Class**

Professional development for teachers, principals, and other school staff, will be provided, **with the assistance of parents**, in the following areas:

- **The value of working with parents and the ways that parents help their children achieve and support the school**
- **How to reach out to parents**
- **How to communicate with parents**
- **How to work with parents as equal partners**
- **How to implement and coordinate parent programs**
- **How to build ties between parents and the school**

The campus Parent Involvement Liaison will make sure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent in a format that parents can easily understand, and whenever reasonably possible, in a language that parents can understand.

- **Copies of flyers, phone messages, and other notices will be kept as documentation by the Title I Parent Involvement Liaison**

Reasonable support for parental involvement activities will be provided.

- **Funds set aside for parental involvement will be spent on the agreed upon activities**
- **Subs will be provided as necessary so that teachers may participate in parental involvement activities**
- **Materials and refreshments will be provided when possible**

Volunteers will be trained to assist with parental involvement activities.

- **Watch Dogs**
- **Campus Volunteer Training**

Ethridge Elementary School is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents to make sure that our Title I program is effective in developing students who achieve.