

**Elza Tucker Elementary  
Parent & Family Engagement  
24-25**

**1: Jointly Developed**

Describe how the School works with parents and families to develop and review relevant plans, policies, and strategies related to engagement.

*Guiding Questions*

- **1.1:** *How does the School - in collaboration with parents - establish an engagement plan that reflects the specific academic improvement needs of the School, and that includes programs and practices that enhance engagement and address the specific engagement needs of students and their families?*  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(a)]
- **1.2:** *What efforts have been made to ensure adequate representation of parents and families of participating children in the process (Title I families)?*  
[ESSA § 1116(c)(3)]

Tucker 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 school to educate all students effectively, the schools and parents must work as knowledgeable partners. Parents are an integral component of a school's ability to provide for the educational success of their children. The school endeavors to meet the diverse cultural and language needs of parents and children. Tucker Elementary School jointly developed, with parents, this written school Parent and Family Engagement policy that describes how the school will carry out the Parent and Family Engagement requirements, including the development of a school-parent compact. The school's written Parent and Family Engagement policy is available to parents and the local community. Meetings will be made available if requested by parents. If the Title I Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory to parents, parents can submit comments to the district.

**2: Communication**

Describe how the School will communicate with and distribute information to parents and families.

*Guiding Questions*

- **2.1:** *How does the School distribute an informational packet appropriate for the age and grade of each child annually, ensuring to include:*
  - *description of the engagement program*
  - *recommended roles for parents, students, teacher, and the School*
  - *ways for a family to get involved*
  - *survey regarding volunteer interests*
  - *schedule of activities planned throughout the school year*
  - *regular, two-way, and meaningful system for parents/teachers to communicate*

[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(3)(B)(i)]

- **2.2:** *How will the School ensure information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided to parents in a format and in a language that parents can understand (to the extent practicable)?*
  - *How is relevant information provided in a variety of ways? (For example, paper copies made available, as well as social media posts, website links, parent apps, etc.?)*  
[ESSA § 1116(e)(5)]
- **2.3:** *How does the School offer flexible opportunities for meetings with families?*  
[ESSA § 1116(c)(2)]

Tucker Elementary's Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be made available on the school website and distributed in September 2024. Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be provided in a format and in parent's preferred language via informational packet and summary. Additionally, we will offer meetings at a variety of times and in different formats. Tucker uses Class Tag to communicate with families in their preferred language. Each student will be given a Tuesday folder that will serve as a communication tool between families and student and will include weekly work samples and/or information from school.

### **3: Building Staff Capacity**

Describe activities that will be used with School staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners.

#### *Guiding Questions*

- **3.1:** *How does the School build staff capacity to work with parents as equal partners? This may include workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, and online resources that will be used to ensure ALL School staff (including teachers, specialized instructional personnel, principals, and other School leaders) are aware of:*
  - *the value and utility of contributions of parents [Title I schools]*
  - *how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners [Title I schools]*
  - *how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and the School [Title I schools]*
  - *how to respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities [Title I schools]*
  - *that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning [all schools]*
  - *how to welcome parents into the School and seek parental support and assistance [all schools]*
  - *the School's process for resolving parent concerns as outlined in the School handbook, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions [all schools]*  
[ESSA § 1116(e)(3;14); A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5-7); A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(3)(B)(ii)]

Our parents at Tucker Elementary provide substantive value and utility to the academic success of our students, partnering with us to make sure the work we accomplish in the classroom continues at home for the ongoing success of all children. Tucker Faculty and Staff are trained on a variety of communication tools that allow us to communicate and work with parents as equal partners, including ClassTag and PBIS Rewards. We have several parent/teacher programs throughout the year (Parent/Family Learning Nights, Trunk-or-Treat, Academic/Behavior Awards Assemblies, Luau, Spring Dance) that build ties between home and school. When parents have requests for Parent/Family Engagement activities, we put those requests in front of Staff and the PTO and determine the logistical feasibility of new proposals. Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning by continuing the programs we have here at school in their homes (positive behavioral supports, foundational reading skills practice, subitizing, etc.), and from the first day of school onward, we ensure that parents are welcomed into the school and let them know how much we need their support via Back-to-School Nights and Teacher Meet & Greets. When parents have concerns/problems, we ask them to first address the concern with the teacher via digital, phone, or in person communication, and if that does not lead to a tenable outcome OR the nature of the concern creates a conflict of interest with the teacher, they should communicate with administration.

#### **4: Building Parent Capacity**

Describe how the School provides opportunities to build parents' capacity to play a role in their children's academic success. This may include conducting workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings or providing equipment or other materials.

##### *Guiding Questions*

- **4.1:** *How does the School provide timely information about the following:*
  - *a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the School*
  - *the forms of State and Local academic assessments used to measure student progress, including alternate assessments*
  - *the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards students are expected to meet*  
[ESSA § 1116(c)(4)(B)]
- **4.2:** *How does the School provide assistance to parents in understanding the following:*
  - *the requirements of Title I, Part A*
  - *how to monitor their child's progress*
  - *how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.*  
[ESSA § 1116(e)(1)]
- **4.3:** *What types of materials and training does the School provide to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement? This may include:*
  - *literacy training*
  - *technology training, including education about copyright piracy and safe practices*
  - *resources that describe or assist with the child's curriculum*
  - *other activities such as workshops, conferences, online resources like tutorials or webinars, and any equipment or other materials, including parent resource centers*  
[ESSA § 1116(e)(2)]
- **4.4:** *Involve parents of students at all grade levels in a variety of roles, including without limitation:*
  - *involvement in the education of their children*

- *volunteer activities*
- *learning activities and support classroom instruction*
- *participation in School decisions*
- *collaboration with the community*
- *development of School goals and priorities*
- *evaluating the effectiveness of the School-level Improvement Plan*  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(1); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.03]
- **4.5:** *How does the School promote and support responsible parenting? The School shall, as funds are available:*
  - *purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative material regarding responsible parenting through the School library, advertise the current selection, and give parents an opportunity to borrow the materials for review*
  - *create parent centers*  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(4)(A)]
- **4.6:** *How does the School provide instruction to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation:*
  - *role play and demonstration by trained volunteers*
  - *the use of and access to Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website tools for parents* [<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/>]
  - *assistance with nutritional meal planning*  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5)(B)(ii)(a-d)]

Tucker Elementary School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. This includes providing the information and school reports required to the extent practicable, in a language the parents understand. The school will provide timely information of the curriculum, state assessments, and expected achievement levels.

The school will provide assistance on how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of the child and provide materials and training to help parents to work with the child to improve the child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster Parent and Family Engagement. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held each semester and 100% participation is expected. A translator for conferences is available if needed. Involving parents in the education of their children with opportunities to volunteer and collaborate with the community.

## **5: Coordination**

Describe how the School will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners, including alumni, to provide additional supports, services, and resources to families.

### *Guiding Questions*

- **5.1:** *How does the School investigate and utilize community resources in the instructional program?*  
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 5.06]
- **5.2:** *How does the School coordinate and integrate programs and activities with other Federal,*

*State, and local programs? Some examples include:*

- *public preschool programs such as Head Start*
- *organizations/activities to help students transition to elementary, middle, high, and postsecondary schools or careers*
- *wraparound services that allow families to send their children to school ready and able to focus on learning*  
[ESSA §1116(e)(4)]

- **5.3:** *In what ways does the School enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization and ensure leaders of said organization will be included in appropriate decisions?*  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(8)(B)(ii)]

Tucker Elementary School will coordinate and integrate, to the extent feasible and appropriate, Parent and Family Engagement programs and activities with the Rogers preschool. Community partnerships are formed to assist in the programs of the school. First Baptist Church in Lowell, Samaritan House, Walmart Foundation, and Lowell/Rogers Chamber of Commerce are a few local businesses that support Tucker. Tucker Elementary also partners with numerous restaurants in the Lowell/Rogers area for fundraising opportunities for Spirit Nights. Tucker works with the middle schools to coordinate transition activities for fifth graders as they move to middle school.

Tucker Elementary School has numerous ways in which parents can be involved in school:

- Attend Assemblies & Programs
- Book Fair Volunteer
- Classroom Volunteers
- Family Nights
- Field Day
- Fundraising
- PTO sponsored events (such as the luau, homecoming float)
- Homeroom Parent
- Join PTO & sign up for a committee or event (see Volunteer Sign Up Info)
- Lunch with your child
- Parent Advisory Committee
- Red Ribbon Week
- Traffic Control in the morning drop off

## **6: Annual Title I Meeting** (Title I schools)

Describe the details regarding the Annual Title I meeting used to inform parents of the requirements of Title I, the School's participation, and the parents' rights to be involved.

### *Guiding Questions*

- **6.1:** *How and when (month/year) does the School conduct the Annual Title I meeting, ensuring that parents are informed of the following? (\*Include a link to the detailed agenda, meeting minutes, and/or slide deck for this year's Annual Title I Meeting, if available.)*
  - *the requirements of Title I and the School's participation*
  - *the parents' rights under Title I (The Right to Know Teacher Qualifications, Right to Request Meetings)*  
[ESSA § 1116(c)(1)]

An annual meeting will be held in September 2024 to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs and explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in those programs. Parents will be provided with timely information about what students will be learning; how students will be assessed; what parents should expect for their child's education; and how a parent can assist and make a difference in his or her child's education.

## **7: School-Parent Compact** (Title I schools)

Describe the process School will follow to jointly develop with parents a School-Parent Compact as required under Title I, Part A.

### *Guiding Questions*

- **7.1:** *How does the School jointly develop a School-Parent Compact which does the following:*
  - *Outlines how parents, the entire School staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement*
  - *Addresses the importance of regular two-way, meaningful communication through:*
    - *conferences (no fewer than 2 each year)*
    - *frequent reports on progress*
    - *reasonable access to staff*
    - *opportunities to volunteer*
    - *observation of classroom activities*  
[ESSA § 1116(d)]
- **7.2:** *How do families access the compact in order to understand the shared responsibility for improved student academic achievement?*
  - *including parent-teacher conferences in elementary Schools, at least annually*
  - *Include a link or insert the language of the compact to demonstrate this requirement has been met.*  
[ESSA § 1116(d)(2)(A)]

The School-Parent Compact describes the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive, effective learning environment that enables children served under Title I, Part A to meet the State's academic achievement standards. The School-Parent Compact describes ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting the child's learning, volunteering in the child's classroom and school, participating as appropriate in decisions relating to the education of the child, and positive use of extra-curricular time. The School-Parent Compact describes the importance of a partnership between teachers and parents that is an on-going basis through parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to parents on the child's progress, and reasonable access to staff. The School-Parent Compact describes opportunities to volunteer and participate in the child's class and school activities in a variety of roles.

### **8: Reservation of Funds** (*Title I schools*)

Describe how the School uses Title I, Part A funds set-aside for parent and family engagement programs and activities.

#### *Guiding Questions*

- **8.1:** *If the School is a recipient of set aside funds for parent and family engagement (as part of receiving a Title I, Part A allocation greater than \$500,000):*
  - *How is the School spending those funds?*
  - *How does the School determine the priority of how funds are spent?*
  - *Who is involved in determining that?*  
[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(A)]
- **8.2:** *How does the School provide opportunities for parents and family members to be involved in providing input into how the funds are used?*  
[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(B); ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(C); ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(D)(i-v)]

Tucker Elementary will involve parents and family members of children receiving services under Title I in the decisions regarding how reserved funds are allotted for parent and family engagement activities. Title I funds will be used for the purchase of student folder as a means to facilitate two-way communication with parents, materials and resources for Kindergarten screening in the spring, materials and supplies for Parent/Family Learning Nights, and light refreshments for parent events (Parent/Family Learning Nights, Conferences, Events, etc.)

Each school in the Rogers Public School district coordinates with other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional supports, services, and resources to families.

Each school in the Rogers Public School district will respond to the educational and personal success challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school and keep them on track to be college, workforce, and life-ready. Also, we will coordinate any additional services needed with the district and/or state military liaison.

### Assurances

Please read the following statements closely. By checking these boxes, the School understands the legal requirements and will meet them accordingly.

- **A.1:** The School understands that annually by August 1, the public School's Engagement Plan shall be developed, or reviewed and updated.  
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.3]
- **A.2:** The School understands that the following must be made available to families and the local community on the School or District website no later than August 1st:
  - the School Engagement Plan
  - a parent-friendly explanation of the School and District's Engagement Plan
  - the informational packet
  - contact information for the parent facilitator designated by the School.[A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.4]
- **A.3:** The School understands that a parent-friendly summary/explanation of the Engagement Plan should be included in the current student handbook.  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02]
- **A.4:** The School understands its obligation for ensuring professional development requirements related to parent and family engagement are met and that records are maintained accordingly. (2 hours every 4 years with 2022 being a required year)  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1703(a); A.C.A. § 6-17-709; Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts July 2020 Standard 4-G.1 Professional Development (D/C)]
- **A.5:** The School understands its obligation to obtain signatures for each parent acknowledging receipt of the District's Engagement Plan summary/explanation.  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a)(3)(B)]
- **A.6:** The School Principal understands their obligation to designate and pay a licensed staff member to serve as Parent Facilitator:
  - to help organize meaningful training for staff and parents,
  - to promote and encourage a welcoming atmosphere, and
  - to undertake efforts to ensure that engagement is recognized as an asset to the School.[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(c)(1-2)]
- **A.7:** The School understands its obligation to encourage school staff to use volunteer surveys to compile a volunteer resource book.  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(6)(B)(ii)]
- **A.8:** The School understands its obligation to conduct no fewer than two parent-teacher conferences per school year.  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(3)(B)(ii)]
- **A.9:** The School understands its obligation to incorporate the Engagement Plan into the School Improvement Plan.  
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.2]
- **A.10:** The School understands its obligation to schedule regular parent involvement meetings at which parents are given a report on the state of the School and an overview of:
  - what students will be learning
  - how students will be assessed
  - what a parent should expect for his or her child's education



- how a parent can assist and make a difference in his or her child’s education.  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5)(B)(i)(a-d)]
- **A.11:** Any School serving high school students understands its obligation to educate parents about their role in decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities.  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(7)(B)(ii)]
- **A.12:** The School understands its obligation to welcome parents into the School, and more specifically, not have any school policies or procedures that would discourage a parent from visiting the School or from visiting a child's classrooms.  
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(6)(B)]
- **A.13:** The School understands that all Title I, Part A funded engagement activities and strategies should remain consistent with all information set forth in this parent and family engagement plan.  
[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(D)]
- **A.14:** The School understands its obligation to submit to the State any comments from parents who deem the Title I Schoolwide Plan unsatisfactory. These comments can be sent to [ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov)  
[ESSA § 1116(b)(4)]
- **A.15:** The School understands its obligation, if requested by parents, to provide opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.  
[ESSA § 1116(c)(4)(C)]

**References**

State

- [Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1701 et seq.](#)
- [Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans and Family and Community Engagement](#)

Federal

- [Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act, 114 P.L. 95, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6312, 6318, 6320](#)

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(Find additional guidance on the [DESE Parent and Family Engagement Requirements](#) webpage. For any questions about completing this form or meeting legal compliance, please contact the DESE Engagement Unit at [ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov) or 501-371-8051.)

District Reviewer Responses

**Section 1 - Jointly Developed**

- Changes Required
- Compliance is Met

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**Section 2 - Communication**

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**Section 3 - Building Staff Capacity**

- Changes Required
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**Section 4 - Building Parent Capacity**

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**Section 5 - Coordination**

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**Section 6 - Annual Title I Meeting**

- Changes Required
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**Section 7 - School-Parent Compact**

- Changes Required
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**Section 8 - Reservation of Funds**

- Changes Required
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