

*Southwest Laurens Elementary*  
*Parent and Family Engagement Plan*  
*2024-2025*

## What is Title I?

Southwest Laurens Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with parents and family members, a written parent and family engagement policy.

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## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Southwest Laurens Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Southwest Laurens Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Southwest Laurens Elementary will support family engagement and how parents and family members can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



### Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Southwest Laurens Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents/family members with disabilities, and parents/family members of migratory children. Residential facilities in our school attendance area are included in the parental involvement correspondence and activities.



### How is it revised?

Southwest Laurens Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent and family member feedback is used to revise the plan for the next year. The plan is written annually and posted on the school website for parents and family members to view and submit feedback throughout the year. We also distribute the annual survey online and provide written copies upon request to ask parents and family members for suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during our parent meetings to revise the plan for the upcoming year. Parent comments will be submitted to the district if the plan is found unsatisfactory.

### Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is posted on our webpage and Facebook page, and sent home via Remind. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in the Southwest Laurens Elementary Media Center or on the school website.

Language translation of materials and documents shared with parents/guardians of students at Southwest Laurens Elementary will be made available upon request.

## 2024-2025 District Goals



In our efforts to increase rigor and student achievement, to provide relevant curriculum learning experiences, and to build meaningful relationships with our students and stakeholders, the Laurens County School System has set the following goals for FY25:

- 1-Increase the percentage of students reading on grade level based on district formative assessments, i.e. MAP, Lexile levels from the 2024-2025 beginning of the school year data so that at least 75% of students are considered proficient at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
- 2- During the 2024- 2025 school year, increase the percentage of students scoring at a proficient or distinguished level on the Math GMAS as compared to 2023-2024 school year percentiles.
- 3- Increase 2024-2025 school year percentages of all subgroup populations scoring at the proficient level on GMAS ELA and Math assessments by 3% over 2023-2024 school year proficient level percentages.
- 4- Increase or maintain 2024-2025 school year school climate ratings at each school as compared to 2023-2024 ratings by utilizing support resources available.

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## 2024-2025 School Goals

SWLE administrators and teachers have studied student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school.

Goal 1- In FY25, SWLE will increase the overall percentage of proficient and advanced readers by 25% from the BOY to EOY based on Acadience and MAP Growth data.

Goal 2-By the spring of FY25, 70% of students in grades 2-5 will score at or above the 55th percentile for their grade band on IXL Math diagnostic.

Goal 3-In FY25, 100% of students in grades K-5 will show improvement in effective writing based on approved writing rubrics.



## Southwest Laurens Elementary Promise

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Southwest Laurens Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish (to the extent possible) and posted on the school website.
- Provide training for staff in Professional Learning Communities on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- Share information on the school website for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators. Go to [www.lcboe.net](http://www.lcboe.net) and choose Southwest under the school tab.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant in-person trainings and helpful online presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning. These meetings will be offered at various times to meet the needs of all parents.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental and family engagement plan and activities.
- Offer any support (child care, transportation, on-line meetings, individual meetings, etc.) that may prevent barriers to parent and family engagement.
- Offer parent support to help further enhance their various educational backgrounds.
- Listen and respond to parent requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- Communicate with parents of "Future Little Raiders" age birth-5 years old, and encourage developmentally appropriate activities and events at SWLE and in the community.

## Southwest Laurens Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Programs and Activities

Southwest Laurens Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings will be scheduled at various times and in different formats throughout the year. Parents may request meetings at any time by contacting the school and speaking with the instructional coach.

**Open House/ Curriculum Night-** Meet the teachers and staff and learn the grade-level learning expectations for your student.

**Annual Title I Meeting-**We invite you to an evening of in-person learning and sharing about our Title 1 program including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements. Instructional staff will explain the curriculum and assessments used to measure student progress and achievement levels.

**Parent Training Opportunities-** We will provide periodic parent training designed to reinforce the learning focus outlined in the school-parent compacts. Parents will learn specific skills and tips on how to help their children in reading and math. K - 2nd families will receive quarterly parent packets with games/activities that focus on particular skills in these areas. We will meet with parents of grades 3-5 students to explain the expectations of the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

**Literacy Initiatives-**Information, tips and links will be sent home periodically to help parents improve their child's literacy.

**School Art Fair-** We invite you to have an opportunity to browse our School Art Fair to see your child's artwork created in class. Please join us as we celebrate the creativity of your child.

**Parent-Family-Student Online Resources-** The LCSS Parent and Family Engagement Google Page (<https://www.lcboe.net/Content2/6>) is available with games, resources, and other valuable information for parents and students to use throughout the school year. Resources include activities for Pre K through 5th grade academic focus skills.

**5th Grade Transition Information-**Learn about the transition to middle school. Links will be provided through REMIND for 5th grade students and parents only.

**Spring Title I Parent Input Meeting-**Connect with the school and community to build a better school. Review and gain feedback on the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

**Parent Conferences-**Held on an individual basis to discuss student data and answer any questions regarding standards, assessments or achievement.

**Christmas Storybook Drive-Thru-** You don't want to miss this! Families are invited to drive through our campus and enjoy storybook displays created by teachers. Storybook videos are provided for families to enjoy together.

**Someone Special Bingo Night-** Students can bring their favorite family member to play BINGO! You will also receive educational games from your teacher!

### Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center located in the Media Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.  
Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:00pm



### Parent and Family Engagement

At Southwest Laurens Elementary family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. We strive to ensure-

- That parents and family members play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents and family members are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents and family members 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.



## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Southwest Laurens Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community



## Share your Thoughts

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please let us know. You can email our Instructional Coaches at: [ginnypolhill@lcboe.net](mailto:ginnypolhill@lcboe.net) or [jessicatanner@lcboe.net](mailto:jessicatanner@lcboe.net)

Southwest Laurens Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the Family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you have any suggestions or concerns about any of the programs planned for the year.

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## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Southwest Laurens Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Spring Title 1 Meeting/School Forum. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We want to personally invite you to join our PTO as an active member. If you enjoy being actively involved in your child's education, being a part of PTO is a great way to get started.

Please contact the school office for more information on contacting the PTO Officers to see how you can be more involved.

We are always in need of volunteers. Please go to the school home page at <http://www.lcboe.net/> and click on Parent Resources, then scroll to the link "I want to volunteer" and get started. SWLE needs you!

