

~Program Features~

***Classes/workshops designed for ALL parents or caregivers of children enrolled in grades Pre-K – 12.*

**Sessions that meet the needs of all who are interested in helping children.*

**Enrichment Sessions to enhance the lives of participants who do not have children in their care.*

**Academically Focused Classes to improve student achievement and strengthen the family unit.*

**CORE Classes that teach, inform, update, and/clarify specific subject matter relevant to the home, school, and community.*

**Kidz Academy and Youth Leadership Classes that are age-appropriate with a curriculum that utilizes scientifically researched practices.*

**A variety of Vendors who provide community resources for the family.*

**Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), Inc:
Matching Grant awarded from RIF during
the 2025 - 2026 program year.
“Books for Ownership”*

- Free book selection for each child in attendance to take home and own.*
- Provides resources to support parents, educators, and others.*

**Continental Breakfast and Lunch*

**Door Prizes*

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PARENT UNIVERSITY- EFFINGHAM

***“Bridging the Gap
Between the Home, School
and Community”***



***“A COMMUNITY
COLLABORATIVE”***

What Is Parent University?

Parent University-Effingham is a non-profit community collaborative that provides free learning sessions to assist parents in supporting their children's achievement in school and life. The sessions focus on child development, what children learn in school, advocacy, parent leadership, effective parenting skills, and personal growth and development.

Topics include the following:

- Georgia Milestones Assessment System Preparation
- Phonemic Awareness and Phonics
- Social Media Safety
- First Aid and CPR, and lots more!

Parent University Mission

The mission of Parent University is to educate, inspire, and empower parents to meet their children's needs by becoming their first and most important teachers.

Parent University Vision

Parents will become full partners in their children's education by assisting them in reaching their full potential.

Parent University Goals

Goal 1: To get parents involved in opportunities to partner in the education of their child.

Goal 2: To educate the community about viable programs that will help to develop the child's success.

Goal 3: To provide instructional awareness of parenting skills that will increase student achievement.

Goal 4: To provide opportunities to help children experiencing academic difficulty.

Goal 5: To provide Family Literacy opportunities that prepare children for school success and lead the family to economic self-sufficiency.

How Does Parent University Work?

Parent University offers three Saturday learning sessions during the year, one during Fall, Winter, and Spring. A typical session begins with registration and continental breakfast, followed by a general session, three breakout sessions in which 1-3 credit hours can be earned per class, and lunch. While the parents are in class, children in grades Pre-K-5 attend “Kidz Academy,” and children grades 6-12 attend Youth Leadership Classes that utilize research-based practices. Throughout the year, Parent University-Effingham collaborates with the schools and other community agencies that address the needs of families and supply free books. During the Fall Session, a graduation is held for the participants who have earned the required credits.

Graduation Requirements

- Participants must complete five (5) CORE classes per year. (*Classes that improve student achievement and strengthen the family unit.*)
- Participants must have a total of fifteen (15) credits. Ten additional credits will be required to be an Honor Graduate.
*Additional credits can be earned at other

approved school and community functions as parent workshops, classroom visits, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and PTA/PTO/Booster Clubs.

Evaluation/Outcomes

Participants are allowed to evaluate each session attended and complete a final evaluation at the close of the day. The evaluations are then tallied and used to improve the next Parent University–Effingham session.

Who May Attend Parent University?

ALL parents or caregivers of children in grades Pre-K through 12th grade.

When/Where Are Classes Held?

Fall Session - September 20, 2025

Ebenezer Elementary School

Winter Session - February 21, 2026

Springfield Elementary School

Spring Session - April 18, 2026

Marlow Elementary School

Why Be Involved?

“Research shows that when parents participate in their children’s education, the children do better in school and life.” Parent University- Effingham provides opportunities for parents to sharpen their parenting skills, gain a better understanding of what their children are learning, and become full partners in their education.