

JOHN R. LEWIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

2025-2026

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What Is Title I?

As part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I, Part A, John R. Lewis, is identified as a Title I School. Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan and schoolwide plan to strengthen student academic achievement.

DISTRICT GOALS

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement

All students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.

Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness

All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives.

Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement

We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experience.

Refer to the detailed Board of Education 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category at www.bcsdk12.net

SCHOOL GOALS

Reading/ELA

- **K-5:** Increase the percentage of students achieving STAR reading proficiency rate at or above the state benchmark by at least 6%.

Math

- **K-5:** Increase the percentage of students achieving a STAR math proficiency rate at or above the state benchmark by at least

Parents, Teachers, and Students Share Responsibility for Success

What is this plan? This plan explains how John R. Lewis Elementary School will provide various opportunities for involvement of parents and family members. At John R. Lewis Elementary, we value parent and family member input. By working together, the common goal of student success will be accomplished. Parents and family members are encouraged to assist with the planning of activities that will promote student success.

How is it developed? Parents and family members are invited to several review meetings that are scheduled for their convenience. Once completed, feedback is welcomed at any time during the year. All comments made will be used to revise the plan for the next year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents and family members for their suggestions on the plan and use of funds for family engagement.

Who is the plan for? Our plan is available for all students participating in the Title I program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in a decision-making role, as appropriate, in the opportunities offered in this plan. John R. Lewis Elementary will provide an equal opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

When will the plan be available? The plan will be available for further distribution at the Annual Title I Meeting. The plan will also be posted on the school website, in the front office, and in the media center.

School-Parent Compact

A school-parent compact will be developed through collaboration with parents, students, teachers, and administrators. The purpose of the compact is to show how all the people involved will work together to ensure that all students are successful. The compact will be reviewed annually and updated based on feedback from students, teachers, and parents. Each parent will receive a copy of the compact.

John R. Lewis Elementary will take the following measures to promote family engagement.

We will-

Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is timely and published in English and, to the extent practical, in a language the family understands. An interpreter is available for meetings and school events.

Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events such as by mail, flyers, and phone calls as appropriate.

Conduct training, in consultation with parents, on effective family engagement practices and strategies for staff and families to work together as equal partners. During regular staff meetings, through emails and handouts, we will present tips for building ties between home and school.

Partner with Federal, state, and local preschool programs to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the full participation of parents and family members of Pre-K and 5th grade students through tours and workshops as students transition from one setting to another.

Provide necessary materials and training for parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement.

Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities through parent surveys, event evaluations, and district surveys.

Submit parent feedback about any part of the schoolwide plan that parents feel is not satisfactory to the goals for students and school academic achievement to the local Title I office.

Volunteer Opportunities

Family Nights
Curriculum Workshops
Test Proctors
School Council
Classroom Helpers
PTO



Community volunteers are welcomed and appreciated. The staff is grateful for any time you can spend at our school.

Contact our Family Engagement Facilitator, Philleria Colbert at 478-779-2800.

The following events will be offered to parents and family members to strengthen family engagement. Events are held at various times and dates.

- ♦ **Open House-July 2025:** Parents and family members have an opportunity to visit their child's classroom/teachers and hear about what's upcoming for PTO and other school events.
- ♦ **Annual Title I Meeting-Buy end of August 2025:** Come learn about the benefits of the Title I program, including the School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-wide Plan, and Family Engagement budget.
- ♦ **Math Magicians Curriculum Night-By end of September:** Parents and family members will have the opportunity to experience math standards and use interactive hands-on exemplars to build student success in math.
- ♦ **Building Staff Capacity (ongoing):** Faculty, staff, and parents will learn about effective ways to communicate (October 2025, December 2025, January 2026, and March 2026).
- ♦ **Technology and Adventures In Literacy-September/October 2025:** Parents and family members are invited to gather information and resources to assist their child with state assessments, achievement measures, technology and digital literacy, including copyright piracy guidelines.
- ♦ **National Parental Involvement Day–November 20, 2025** – A day to celebrate the invaluable contribution of parents/guardians and to build partnerships between schools, families and communities.
- ♦ **Title I Parent Survey-October/November/December 2025:** Share your feedback about our family engagement program.
- ♦ **Literacy Standards and Curriculum Night–** Gain helpful tools to encourage your child to excel in reading and learn about other state curriculum guidelines.
- ♦ **Family and Community Engagement-February (FACE) Forum – February 2-March 13, 2026:** Participate in roundtable discussions and share your ideas about John R. Lewis Elementary goals and make decisions concerning the School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan and family engagement budget.
- ♦ **Moving on Up Transition Workshop-April/May 2026:** Students and families will learn helpful information about transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten and from 5th Grade to middle school.
- ♦ **Principal's Perks:** Sit and chat with the principal, share your ideas and learn strategies parents can use to encourage students to learn at school and home.
- ♦ **Parent-Teacher/Student Lead Conferences:** Parents will have an opportunity to talk with the teacher about their child's progress every nine weeks.