

Athol Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
09/20/2026

Information about our Programs

At Athol Elementary School, Title 1 Requirements and Lakeland School District's requirements regarding Title 1 Parent Involvement and FACE Funds are reviewed annually during AE's November Parent Advisory Meeting.

Parents and/or caregivers who have a student attending AE are invited to attend this meeting as well as Parent Teacher United (PTU) meetings which are held on a monthly basis. Parents are encouraged and invited to work alongside PTU members and Athol Elementary staff to plan and participate in community activities and events, review student achievement data, and provide input and feedback about school policies.

The FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Calendar of events can be found on the AE school website. This calendar is updated regularly as activities are planned. Events and activities are discussed at PTU meetings.

The Title Compact can be found on the AE school website. The Compact lists the responsibilities of students, parents and/or caregivers, and school staff.

Athol Elementary School provides opportunities for parents to learn about the Title 1 program at a Back to School Night event in September, a Family Fun Night event in the Fall, and a Parents and Pastries Event in the Spring. Parents and/or caregivers are also invited to attend a meeting each October to meet with the Title 1 Teacher to address specific questions they might have regarding AE's Title Program.

Classroom communication with teachers and parents regarding Title 1 Program services is provided continuously throughout the school year.

Frequent Reports to Parents on their Child's Progress

Parents and/or Caregivers are provided with ongoing and frequent opportunities to ask questions about their student's progress, proficiency levels, and what expectations students are expected to meet on district and state assessments. Results of district and state assessments are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences, student-led conferences and during other informal conferences throughout the school year. In addition to quarterly report cards, parents are given reports showing how their child has performed on state assessments.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

Athol Elementary School Staff partners with our families to help ensure the highest level of success for each of our students. The expectation for all staff members at Athol Elementary is that parents and community members will be treated as partners in our school community. Every effort is made to engage with parents and make them feel welcome in our school community.

Materials and Trainings to Help Parents Work with their Child

Athol Elementary School provides materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement and growth during the school year. Staff demonstrate a willingness to work with parents to partner in their child's education. Classroom teachers explain ways in which parents can support learning in the home through classroom newsletters and through conferencing. Parent resources are included on our school website to encourage the development of parent/child work at home. Use of technology at home to enhance learning and help with homework expectations is encouraged and supported.

Importance of Communication Between Teachers and Parents

The school ensures that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in a timely manner and in a format, and to the extent possible, in a language that parents can understand. AE provides reasonable alternative formats as requested. AE communicates electronically with all families, via Skyward, Class Dojo, email, and texts. Hard copies are made available upon request. Teachers at AE communicate daily with parents who request this level of involvement.