



School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
East View Heights Elementary
Where Kids Shine
2019-2020

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **East View Elementary School** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The **East View Elementary** agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- (C) Parents 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
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

East View Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

East View Elementary School will:

- Create a welcoming school environment where the school and families are informed and involved in school events and activities.
- Inform families of the Parent Engagement Policy and overview of Title I at parent teacher conferences.
- Hold annual meetings to review/revise the PIP, review parent survey results, and discuss title 1 funds.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

East View Elementary will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, and the school-parent compact.

The Annual Title I meeting will occur in the fall and in the spring. Families will be informed about the Title one requirements and how the school is involved in Title one. The school and families will meet at the spring annual meeting to review and revise the parent involvement policy, school compact, review funds, and plan for title one program for following year.

COMMUNICATIONS

East View Elementary will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

The school's parent and family engagement policy will be distributed to parents at the fall parent-teacher conferences. The school also has a weekly newsletter that will promote links to this information also included on the school's webpage. Web-page will be updated and will provide the engagement policy and school compact in both English and Spanish. Distribution of written materials will be in parent native language as requested.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

East View Elementary will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

East View Elementary School will create a welcoming environment for Parents and Families. Parents and families will be invited to attend meetings to review and revise the parent compact. Parent input along with school input will be considered when developing the compact. Parents who are not able to attend will have the opportunity to offer suggestions via surveys sent home with students. Surveys will be sent home to parents in the spring (March).

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, **East View Elementary** will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

In consultation with families, the school will review and approve the allocation of funds to promote parent and family engagement. Title One funds were used purchase vouchers for each student for the book fair, pay for an extra teacher to shorten class sizes, and also help with salary for reading recovery teacher, and assistant in classroom.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

East View Elementary will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

The school's FRC will work to alleviate barriers to family engagement and student learning through its programs and services. Preschool programs will coordinate with school activities and programs throughout the year. Home visits, community outreach, opportunities for parent learning and training will be provided. FRC will work with parents on the type of training they need or want to have. Love and Logic provided this year. PBIS newsletters and home activities have been provided 4 times throughout this year. PBIS in on webpage and also in handbook—Hard copies are available to those who need it. A parent survey about PBIS was also sent home this year.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

East View Elementary will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The challenging State's academic standards
 - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - 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 child

Parents and families are invited and encouraged to attend an open house in the fall. During the open house, teachers give an overview of the resources being used in the classroom and offer ways that parents and families support the learning taking place in the classroom at home. Classroom expectations are reviewed as well as expectations for work that students should be completing at home. Teachers meet with parents individually during parent teacher conferences to discuss student progress and what can be done to ensure success.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

East View Elementary will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school by:

The EVES staff will be trained and supported in efforts with family and parent communication and engagement through the implementation of the PBIS. Training and reflection of the PBIS will be provided throughout the school year for staff. Teachers and staff work with parents to schedule meetings at times that work best for them. Teachers attend weekly PLC meetings in which training is given during this time on math and reading interventions. This information is also shared with parents on how they can help with their child at home.

East View Elementary will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

The school's PTO and FRC will also coordinate family engagement activities. These will include family events (Daddy/Daughter Dance and Mother/Son night) and celebrations, curriculum nights (math/reading/science night), parent-teacher conference in both fall and spring, as well as learning opportunities and trainings.