

## 2021-2022 Livingston Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Policy



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## What is Title I?

Livingston 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 the challenging State academic standards 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.

## LVES Policy for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This School Parental Involvement plan informs parents how Livingston Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent involvement and student learning. This policy describes the different ways that Livingston will inform and keep parents updated through activities and events that promote student learning both at school and at home.

### How is it developed?

Livingston Elementary School welcomes all feedback at any time of the year regarding the policy. We held a revision meeting at the end of the year where all parents were invited to provide input and give feedback in revising the School-Parent Compact, the School and district parental involvement policies, the parent involvement budget, the CLIP, building staff capacity, and the Title I school wide plan. The policy will be posted on our website so that parents can review and provide input at any point during the year. This policy will be available during curriculum events. All feedback will be considered in revising the plan for next year.

### Who is it for?

All students participating in Title 1, Part A program, and parents are encouraged to fully participate in any and all opportunities that are described in this plan. Livingston will provide assistance to parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

### Where is it available?

This policy is shared with parents and students at the beginning of the year as part of the Title 1 Parent and Student Information packet. The parent and family engagement policy is located on our school's website. Copies are available during parent curriculum events and in our parent resource section.

### **Newton County Schools Goals**

The mission of Newton County Schools is to provide educational excellence to all students. To accomplish this mission, the following goal has been set.

**Goal:** Increase Student Achievement

#### **Livingston's Goals**

- Increase reading by at least 3% as measured by the IOWA by the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Increase math by at least 3% as measured by the IOWA by the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

### **School-Parent Compacts**

Livingston will develop a school-parent compact. This is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop. It will explain how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. This compact will be revised every year based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school parent compacts are located in the office and on the school website if parents need a copy after they are turned in.

## **Parent Engagement Program and Activities**

Livingston Elementary school will host the following events to build the capacity for parent and family engagement. These meetings support a partnership with the school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement. Communication will be supported through informational flyers, the school website, and marquee. Livingston Elementary will offer parental involvement opportunities during school hours, after school, and in the evening.

#### **Annual Title I Parent Orientation Meeting August 26, 2021 @9:00 AM and 6:00 PM**

Join Us!: For an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parent's requirements.

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences- September 10, 2021**

Join Us!: To receive strategies to support student learning at school and at home. Teachers will discuss the academic progress for students by using examples of student work and assessments during conferences.

#### **Falling for Reading and Math- October 21, 2021@6:00 PM**

Join Us!: Provide families with activities, strategies, and techniques to support comprehension and vocabulary in reading along with strategies and techniques for improving math computation and support.

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences-February 4, 2022**

Join Us!: To receive strategies to support student learning at school and at home. Teachers will discuss the academic progress for students by using examples of student work and assessments during conferences

#### **Testing, Testing, 1, 2, 3! March 04, 2022 @6:00 PM**

Join Us!: To discuss strategies to build effective partnerships and to receive testing tips and pertinent information regarding standardized testing and performance expectations.

#### **Annual Title I Stakeholders' Meeting-March 31, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 PM**

Parents and community members will provide input about the CLIP, the 1% Budget Allocation of Funds, the Title I SWP, the School and District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, ways to build staff capacity, the School Parental Involvement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact.

## Parent Engagement Funds

Did you know that each LEA that receives more than \$500,000 in Title I, Part A funds, shall reserve at least one percent of its allocation to assist schools to carry out the parental engagement activities? Attend our Annual Title I Stakeholder's Input Meeting to give your input on how we can use our funds to provide you with the tools, resources and strategies to help your child reach academic success

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## Parent and Family Engagement

Parent and Family Engagement is the participation of parents in regular, two-way communication involving student academic learning and other activities in the efforts to build effective family-school partnerships. LVES Elementary believes that an effective family-school partnership is when parents and school personnel form a foundation to support the success of the whole child. We believe that parents are an essential piece to this process. We desire for parents to be actively involved in their child's education in its entirety. We appreciate the feedback from our parents and use that information to further enhance the education of their child.

## Building Capacity

Livingston Elementary School will take the following actions to support and promote parents as an important part of our school.

- ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided in English and Spanish and posted on the school website, posted on school marquee, and sent home via school messenger.
- share information to help parents understand Georgia Standards of Excellence, state student academic achievement standards, local and state assessments, Title I requirements and how to work with their child's educators via ongoing parent meetings and through parent conferences, and how to monitor their child's progress via progress reports and infinite campus.
- conduct math , reading , study skills and technology integration workshops and provide parents and families with materials and tools to support student learning (including the harms of copyright piracy) beyond the school day.
- provide training to faculty and staff in efforts to build the capacity for teachers and families to partner for student success via faculty meetings, PLCs, and tip sheets shared via emails.
- Coordinate with other federal, state, and local programs to assist with parent engagement activities including conducting successful activities for parents to facilitate a smooth transition from pre-school to elementary and from elementary school to middle school.
- provide resources, handouts, manipulatives and technology access to assist with learning at home via our parent resource room.
- Livingston Elementary School will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children by:
  - ⇒ communicating with families in a timely manner.
  - ⇒ providing resources for families to use at home to enable parents to help their children learn.
  - ⇒ providing information in the primary language spoken in the home.

## Parent Resource Room

LVES Parent Resource Center

**\*\*Items Available\*\***

Parent Informational Pamphlets:

Parent Grade Specific Academic

Resource Books

Location: Media Center Monday – Friday

7:45-3:00

Contact: Title I Parent Contacts

Mrs. Keitha Watson or Mrs. Lisa Taylor  
for an appointment.

## Continuous Communication

All informed, engaged, and supportive family plays an instrumental role in a student's academic success. The Newton County School System supports families in partnerships with schools, district, and the community in the quest of achieving academic success for all students.

Here are some ways that we provide continuous communication with our parents to ensure that learning is continued beyond the school day.

Parent Connect Canvas Page

Teacher Canvas Pages

Twitter

Facebook

Instagram

School's Website

Grade Level Newsletters

Wednesday Folder

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Emails and Phone Calls

School Agendas

Infinite Campus/Progress Reports

School Messenger

## Measures of Effectiveness

- **Parent Meeting Evaluation**—to gather feedback from the parents to evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting and to gain insight on parent academic support for future meetings.
- **Parent Survey Data**—to gain insight on LVES effectiveness in meeting the needs of parents in various areas such as technology, parent workshop topics, and school climate so that we can create an environment that meets the needs of all parents and families.
- **Revision and Development Stakeholders Meeting:** to give all stakeholders the opportunity to give input to build the effectiveness on the:
  - Parent and Family Engagement Policy-School and District
  - School-Parent Compact
  - Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP)
  - Title I Schoolwide Plan
  - Building Staff Capacity
  - Parent Involvement 1% Funding
- **Student Outcomes:** to assess if strategies and activities, as outlined on the school parent compacts, are effectively impacting student achievement.
- **Multiple Opportunities for Input:** LVES will provide several opportunities for parents and families to give input on the effectiveness of the Title I Program. Parents can access our Title Schoolwide Plan, The Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact on our school's website. These documents are also located in our parent resource room located in room the media center.

