

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Atlanta Public Schools Goals



ACADEMIC PROGRAM ...

Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

E. L. Connally's School Goals

Achievement Gap:

To improve overall student achievement, E. L. Connally Elementary School will focus on:

- To increase the number of students that meet and exceed the Math, ELA, Social Studies and Science Standards for grades 3rd-5th by 5%.
- (Reading) To increase Lexile scores by 5% from Aug.- May of the 2015-2016 school year with the use of close reading, small group instruction, AR, student self-monitoring, and goal setting.
- (Writing) To increase mock writing scores in the ideas domain by 10% from Sept. – March of the 2015-2016 school year using short constructed and extended responses throughout the curriculum, conferencing, small group instruction, student self-monitoring and goal setting.

Teachers, Parents, and Students – Together for Success

In the Classroom

The teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in all content areas. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Offer a Parental Education series to address the specific needs of the elementary school student.
- Our weekly robo-calls, social media blasts, and text messages informing parents/guardians of school events. Our monthly newsletter will inform all members of the community to ensure families are able to participate in school events.
- Our teacher web pages have links to additional academic support and includes documents to support the core content areas at home.

At Home

E. L. Connally's parents have been invited to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in all content areas:

- Attend Curriculum Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, monthly Principal's Exchange, and attend Parental Education workshops in the Parent Resource Center.
- Check the Parent Portal as a family on a weekly to daily basis.
- Visit the class and school websites to ensure awareness of all activities at the school.

E. L. Connally School Students

E. L. Connally students joined with staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for goals in all content areas. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Do my classwork and homework every day.
- Talk with my family about new vocabulary words and my progress in each class on a daily basis.
- Bring home notices from the school (e.g. daily agendas, progress reports, and report cards).
- Keep a log of books I've read throughout the year.
- Invite my parents to volunteer in my classroom.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning objectives
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills via high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home.
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and E. L. Connally staff developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies and supports, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings are held each year to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer or participate in the Principal's Exchange, please contact LaDonia Coe-Watson, Parent Liaison, at 404-802-8463 or ladonia.coe-watson@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Activities to Build Partnerships ~The Principal's Exchange~

Join us for our monthly round table discussions starting in November.

- An opportunity to discuss ideas and resolutions for E.L. Connally Elementary School
- Global community and partnership!

Student Learning

E. L. Connally is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about students' learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Weekly updates to Parent Portal
- Updates on the school and class websites and text messaging
- Weekly e-blasts to all families regarding learning objectives, important announcements, and upcoming events
- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone at 404-802-8450 or e-mail. E-mail addresses are on the school website at <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/connally>

E. L. Connally Elementary School-Parent Compact for Achievement 2015-2016



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