

Eagle's Landing Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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What is Title I?

Eagle's Landing Middle School is one of 23 Title I schools in Henry County. Title I is a federally funded program under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). It is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards as well as 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement plan. A school qualifies as Title I based on the number of students who receive free or reduced lunches, however, once a school receives the designation of Title I, ALL students and families (regardless of income) receive the benefits of the Title I program.

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Parent Involvement Plan



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Eagle's Landing Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. ELMS values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This Plan describes the different ways that the school will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Eagle's Landing Middle School invites all parents to attend our Parent and Family Input Meetings, held twice a year, to review and revise our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the School Wide Plan, our School-Parent Compact, and the Title I Budget which includes the Parent & Family Engagement Budget. Additionally, parents are invited to share their ideas on building staff capacity. Parent input and comments regarding this Plan are welcomed any time during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey (hard copy and online) to ask parents for their suggestions on the Plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. Any unsatisfactory comments are shared with the District.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Eagle's Landing Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

After final revisions are made to the Plan for the current school year, it is distributed at our Annual Title I Meeting. It is also given to each student to take home to their parents. The Plan is also available in the Parent and Family Resource Center Room 121, as well as posted on our website.

Eagle V.I.P. (Very Involved Parent) "Charting Our Journey"

"Eagle VIP" is a ELMS Parent and Family Engagement initiative that will **acknowledge** the dedication of parents who make being involved in their child's education a top priority. We will be "Charting Our Journey" throughout the school year. Attend 6 qualifying events and you be recognized at the end of the school year celebration!

Henry County District Strategic Priorities

- **Unify** Henry County around excellence in public education.
- **Strengthen** our core business of student learning.
- **Ensure** a high-performing environment for all students.

2019-2020 ELMS Goals

- Eagle's Landing Middle school will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient or above on the 2020 GA Milestones End-of-Grade assessments from 20% to 25% in Math; 35% to 40% in ELA; 17% to 22% in Science; and 21% to 26% in Social Studies.
- Eagle's Landing Middle School will increase the percentage of students reading at or above grade level from 51% to 56% in 6th grade, 68% to 73% in 7th grade, and 69% to 74% in 8th grade.
- ELMS will continue to provide a safe and orderly school environment, promote positive behaviors by building and fostering relationships, and increase student learning by: Increasing the CCPRI school climate rating from 4 to 5 stars and increase student-attendance from 87.2% to 95%.

Parent and Family Input Meetings

ELMS invites all parents to take part in our Parent and Family Input Meetings in order to share ideas about how to build partnerships with the school, families, and the community. Your input is important, as we want you to be a part of the decision-making process concerning issues that affect your child's education. We will hold Parent Input Meetings twice a year, and as needed throughout the year, and all are welcome to attend any of the meetings. Parents may also submit their comments and suggestions at any school activity or meeting, as well as through our parent surveys. Parent input and comments will be submitted to the District after the completion of the Title I Annual Evaluation. Topics included in this feedback to the District may include, but are not limited to, satisfaction levels of any part of the Title I School Wide Plan, School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and Title I Budget.

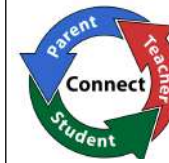
Parent and Family Resource Center (PRC)

Our Parent and Family Resource Center in Room 121. Please sign in at the front office and someone will direct you to the PRC.

Hours M-F 8:30-3:30

If these times are not convenient, please contact the PIP to arrange a time for you.

Come visit our Parent and Family Resource Center (PRC) to check out books, study materials, games, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are also available for parents to explore Infinite Campus and other educational resources.



School-Parent Compact

As part of this Plan, ELMS and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. This Compact is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students develop together to make sure all our students reach grade-level, as well as, the State's high achievement standards. The Compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers gathered at Parent Input Meetings, faculty meetings and in the classroom. The Compacts are kept with each child's teacher so they can be reviewed and revised as needed during parent-teacher conferences throughout the year.

What is Parent Involvement?

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

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, when appropriate, in decision-making as well as being a part of advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.





Let's Get Together!

Eagle's Landing Middle will host the following events designed to strengthen the relationship between the school and families along with providing information to parents to ensure the success of their child.
We encourage parent involvement with all activities.



Please make suggestions for Parent Workshops and Meetings you would like us to host that will make it easier for you to help your child academically.

Meetings and events will be held on various days and times in order to accommodate busy family schedules. If you have a problem attending an event, please let us know. We are committed to helping our parents attend or otherwise receive information provided at the parental activities listed in this Plan.

Open House July 30, 2019

All parents and students are invited to attend and meet their teachers and familiarize themselves with the school.

Principal's Coffee Chat with Dr. Douglas Bi-Monthly

Catch up with ELMS principal Dr. Douglas and find out what's new at ELMS. School tours are also available upon request.

Curriculum Night September 14, 2019

Teachers on each grade level will explain the curriculum, academic assessments, behavior and academic expectations for the year. Assistance will be available for parents learning to navigate Infinite Campus.

Title I Annual Meeting September 14, 2019

All parents are invited to attend as we share the details and benefits of the ELMS Title I program and what it means for you. Topics include but are not limited to our: School Wide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, Title I Budget (including the Parent Involvement Budget), and parent requirements.

Parent Engagement Month and Day November 2019

Look for activities which will highlight and celebrate your involvement in the academic pursuits of your child.

Book Fair 1 or 2 events Dates TBD

Shop with your child at our Book Fairs! The Fairs will be open Monday-Friday during the school day. There will also be special shopping events for Grandparents, as well as evening hours.

Parent Workshops August-May

Workshop topics being planned for the year include: understanding your child's math and ways you can help at home, motivating your child, learning about science initiatives at HFCE, helping parents understand the importance of vocabulary and the impact that it has across the curriculum, preparing for the Georgia Milestones, just to name a few. Workshops are open to all parents and are based in part on the results of our Title I Parent Survey.

Georgia Milestones Information Workshop Spring 2020

Parents are invited to come learn about the expectations for the GMAs as well as learn test taking strategies to help their children perform better. Information on interpreting individual student test results will also be shared.

Student Led Conferences Twice a year

These are scheduled updates on your child to review academic goals and achievements.

ELMS School Council Meeting Monthly

The Council meets to discuss ELMS school business.

PTO Members Meeting Monthly

Meeting with the PTO board and its members to discuss fundraising, volunteer, and events at ELMS. Sign-up for membership available at any time.

Parent and Family Input Meetings Fall and Spring, and as needed

Parents meet to discuss issues and voice opinions on topics affecting students, families, and their school. The meetings allow parent input into the School-Wide Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and Title I Budget including the Parent Involvement Budget, topics to build school staff capacity, as well as other topics and issues as they arise.

We Are Moving On UP May 2020

Tour of the school for rising 6th graders and their families.



ELMS is Building Parent Capacity

Eagle's Landing Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is made available to non-English speaking families upon request.
- Participate in professional development pertaining to parent involvement practices and effective strategies for Parent Involvement Professionals to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Plan with parents to jointly develop a School-Parent Compact that outlines how parents, teachers, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.
- Share information (by sending it home with students, posting on the school website, and having it available at school) in order for parents to understand the state and school academic content standards, the state and local academic assessments including information on standardized testing content, testing procedures, and interpretation of test scores. Furthermore, we want to assure that parents are aware of ways they can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding what it means to be a Title I school, the role of parents, the Parent Involvement Plan, the School Wide Plan, and the Compact as well as other events and activities by sending phone messages, brochures, flyers, and communicating on social media.
- Develop relevant training and presentations to educate staff on the importance of parental and family engagement.
- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children at home in order to improve their children's academic achievement. The materials and training include, but are not limited to, literacy training, reading and math strategies, and use of technology and are available at workshops, on the school website and well as through letters and flyers sent home with students.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- Vary the times and days of our meetings and workshops in order to accommodate family schedules.
- Offer workshops as requested by parents from the Title I parent survey and provide them with resources pertaining to topics such as resume writing and job searches, parenting strategies, and educational materials to help further enhance their parenting skills and various educational backgrounds.
- Review and respond to feedback received on annual parent surveys, and well as surveys conducted at various times throughout the year. Parent input, comments and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Parent Involvement Standards

Henry County Title I Schools and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community



Stay Connected Stay Informed!

ELMS is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. We encourage all families to use these methods to stay informed.

Email	Flyers sent home with students
Twitter	Parent-teacher conferences
Facebook	Remind (text messages)
Phone calls	Flyers posted at ELMS
Newsletters	Teacher websites
ELMS website	Infinite Campus

Building School Staff Capacity

Each title I school shall educate teachers, administrators, and other school 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. After a review of our parent survey and feedback from our Parent Input Meetings, ELMS Staff will receive ongoing training and support on the following topics. ***Communicating with parents * Homework expectations * How to create a welcoming environment for families * Avoiding jargon and acronyms.**