

# Ethridge Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Policy

## 2023-24



In support of improving student academic achievement, Ethridge Elementary School receives Title 1, 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 © of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the student 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).

Ethridge Elementary School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined in Section 1116:

- Involve families, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title 1, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school improvement plan under Section 114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of families and the school. Distribute it to the families of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent possible, for the participation of families with limited English proficiency, families with disabilities, and families 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 possible, in a language families understand.
- If the school improvement plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the families of participating children, submit any family 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 families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including enduring:
  - (A) Families play an important role in assisting their child's learning;
  - (B) Families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
  - (C) Families 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; and

(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**

Ethridge Elementary School will do the following to involve families in an ongoing and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title 1 programs, including opportunities for meetings, if requested by families, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

- Parent Advisory Council Meetings each nine weeks
- Parent/ Teacher Conferences  
October and April or as requested by the caregiver

### **Annual Title Meeting**

Ethridge Elementary School will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all families of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title 1 program, the nature of the the Title 1 program, the families' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

Hold two meetings in August at different times to inform stakeholders of the following:

- EES is a full Title 1 school
- What it means to be a Title 1 school
- Family requirements for Title 1
- EES Parent/Family Engagement Policy
- EES EPlan
- EES Compact

### **Communication**

Ethridge Elementary School will take the following actions to provide families of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title 1 programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title 1 funds, 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 families of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and , to the extent practicable, in a language the families can understand:

\*Post Title 1 information on our School's app, Facebook, and Remind app

\* Provide hard copies of Title 1 information

In a language families can understand

### **School-Parent Compact**

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

- Create grade specific School-Parent Compact that outline the responsibilities of the school, parent/caregiver, and student
- Seeking stakeholder input
- The Compact's purpose is to improve student achievement with specific agreed upon responsibilities for stakeholder group.

### **Reservation Of Funds**

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

- Sharing the Title 1 appropriations
- Seeking input during Annual Meetings on best uses of these funds to the extent feasible and appropriate

### **Coordination Of Services**

Ethridge Elementary School, 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 families in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

- Host Sneak-A-Peek
- Support 8th Grade Transition Night

### **Building Capacity of School Staff**

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

- Weekly Grade Level Meetings
- District and School PLC
- Leadership Team

### **Discretionary School Parent Family Engagement Policy Component**

Ethridge Elementary School will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as families may request by:

- Involve families in the development of training for school safety to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- Provide necessary literacy training for families from Title 1, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Train families to enhance the engagement of other families.

- To maximize parent and family engagement and participation in their child's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and families who are unable to attend conferences at school.
- Schedule family involvement activities that include an array of grades and topics.