

Live Oak Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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Title I Information

Live Oak Elementary is identified as a Title I school as a part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards and 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 parent involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What it is?

This is a plan that describes how Live Oak Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Live Oak Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Live Oak 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 developed?

Live Oak Elementary invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting last spring to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Policy, as well as the school's Title I Plan, our school-parent compact, parent-involvement budget, and the district's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP). The policy is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and available at the school to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. All feedback will be used to revise our policy for next school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program (all students at Live Oak), and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Live Oak will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, this policy is provided to all students via the Title I Parent and Student Information Packets. Additional copies of the policy is available in the front office in the Parent Resource Center. The plan will also be posted on the school website.

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:

Strategic Goal Area I: Student achievement and success

1. Improve student mastery of standards
2. Increase opportunities for students to demonstrate success beyond test scores
3. Increase graduation rate

2023-2024 LOE School Goals

Reading Goal: Using the Fastbridge Assessment report, and other common and formative assessments, students will increase their reading performance by 3%. Focus Area: Nonfiction reading

Math Goal: Using the Fastbridge Assessment report, and other common and formative assessments, students will increase their reading performance by 3%. Focus Area:

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Live Oak Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all of our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities

Live Oak will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Live Oak offers a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening child care, or home visits. All meetings will be advertised via weekly Wednesday Folder flyers, school system website, School Messenger phone calls/emails, and school marquee notice.

Title I Annual Parent Orientation Meeting-Thurs. August 24, 2023

- o Parents will receive information about the Title I program to include Title I Funding, School and District Parent and Family Engagement Policies, the School-Parent Compact, and Parent and Family Engagement

Math Family Night-Thurs. September 28, 2023

- o Teachers will model math strategies with hands-on activities that parents can use at home to increase student achievement. Each grade level will focus on first semester math concepts that align with the curriculum standards.

Parent-Teacher Conferences September 11-15, 2023

- o Families and teachers will have the opportunity to discuss students' progress as well as address the School Parent Compact and Parent Policy.

Parent-Teacher Conferences– January 29th-Feb. 2, 2024

- o Families and Teachers will have the opportunity to discuss students' progress as well as address the School-Parent Compact and Parent Policy.

Test Taking Tips Night-Thurs. March 28, 2024

- o Families will participate in interactive activities to learn comprehension strategies that support reading development. ELA, Science, and Social Studies teachers will model strategies that parents can use at home to support academic success. A variety of resources will be shared with families.

Annual Title I Stakeholders' Input Meeting-Thurs. April 25, 2024

- o Parents will review and provide feedback to revise the School & District Parent Family and Engagement Policies, the Title I School-wide Plan, School-Parent Compact, Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP), ways to build staff capacity, and 1% Budget Allocation of Funds for 2023-2024.

Coffee & Curriculum Chats will take place throughout the year to provide parents and families with strategies to help their children in the areas of math, reading, and writing.

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.

Annual Title I Stakeholders' Input and Revision Meeting-Thurs. April 25, 2024

Parent and Family Engagement

Live Oak believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- ⇒ Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- ⇒ Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Building Capacity

Live Oak 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:-

- ⇒ Inform parents about state academic standards, state academic achievement standards,, Title I requirements and how to monitor their child's academic progress and work with educators via parent workshops and programs, meetings, and Infinite Campus.
- ⇒ Provide materials , trainings (including the harms of copyright piracy) and handouts during parent workshops and conferences, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ⇒ Provide professional learning and share tips with faculty and staff on the importance of working with parents as equal partners.
- ⇒ Partner with Head Start, Georgia Pre-K Program, Babies Can't Wait, and local day cares by conducting joint meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for Kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ⇒ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ⇒ Use our Partner in Education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent involvement policy.
- ⇒ Ensure that all information related to school , is provided in a format and language that parents can understand.
- ⇒ Provide both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents
- ⇒ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards around the building, and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' request for additional sup-

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/Grade Level Canvas Pages
- ◆ School's Website
- ◆ Wednesday Folders
- ◆ At a Glance Weekly Updates
- ◆ Twitter

Parent Resource

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Monday-Friday-7:15 AM-2:30 PM.



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 LOES' 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
 - Parent Involvement 1% Funding
 - Educating Faculty and Staff Professional Learning
- **Student Outcomes:** to assess if strategies and activities, as outlined on the school parent compacts, are effectively impacting student achievement.
- **Multiple Opportunities for Input:** LOES 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 in the front office.

School Community Teams

Live Oak invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community.

The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity or meeting, as well as through parent surveys and website.

If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at (678) 625-6654 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Front Office.



Parent Comments and Suggestions

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We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of the schoolwide program plan that you feel needs to be adjusted, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the office.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number (optional) _____
