

East Cobb Middle School Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2021–2022 School Year

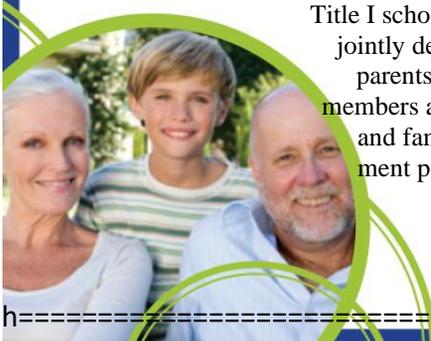
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What is Title I?

East Cobb Middle School 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 challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All

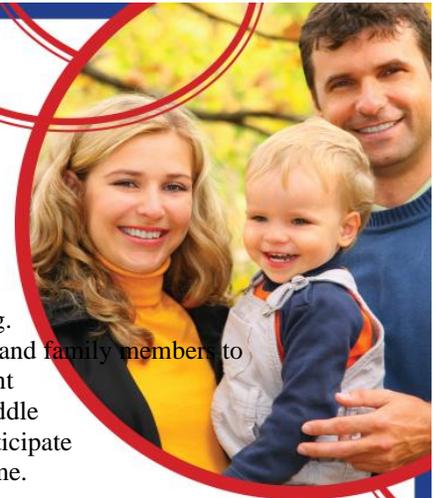
Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how East Cobb Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. East Cobb Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that East Cobb Middle will support family 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?

East Cobb Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school Web site 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 online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. East Cobb Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan will be posted on the school Web site, the main office and in the Parent Resource Center where parents can take home a copy.

District Goals

1. By the end of the 2021-2022 school year, 100% of schools will continue to use our collaborative data-driven process, Cobb Collaborative Community (CCC), with fidelity to improve learning.
2. CCSD will increase the participation rate of families and communities engaging in services/programs by 10% as measured by ParentVUE data, survey results & web view module.
3. By the end of the 2021-2022 school year, 100% of the schools and district will use a common district assessment to measure the impact of professional learning, which will, in turn guide decisions on how best to support teachers and leaders in high poverty/needs schools.
4. By the end of the 2022 school year increase effective implementation of multi-tiered systems of support by increasing access to programs/resources to prepare students for college and careers as measured by participation rates

2021-22 School Goals

*We, all the staff at East Cobb Middle School will improve student Literacy performance for all content areas, by increasing the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced on the Reading Inventory by 20% from August 2021- May 2022.

*We, all the staff at East Cobb Middle School will improve student Math performance for all content areas, by increasing the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced on the Math Inventory by 20% from August 2021-May 2022.

School-Parent Compacts

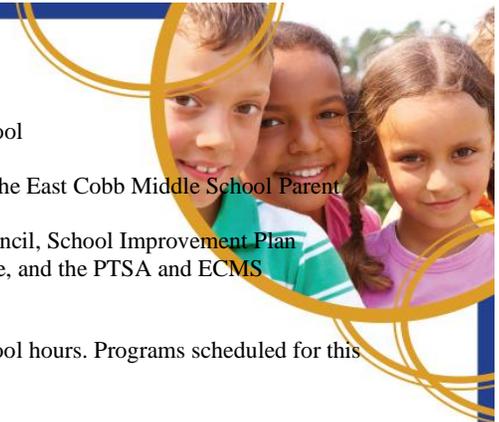
As part of this plan, East Cobb Middle and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School Input Meetings.

The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

We encourage all families to be education partners in their children's school success using the following family engagement strategies:

- a. Inviting parents to attend all meetings by providing them with the East Cobb Middle School Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- b. Inviting parents to serve on committees such as the School Council, School Improvement Plan Committee, Parent Policy/Compact Action Planning Committee, and the PTSA and ECMS Foundation.
- c. Providing meetings held during the school day and outside school hours. Programs scheduled for this year are as follows:



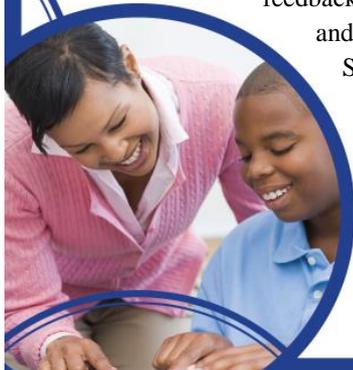
Family Engagement Activities

Building Staff Capacity PD the value of working and communicating with parents. 4 Trainings. Parents are invited to the first and third trainings.	August 24, 2021 November 30, 2021 January 25, 2022 March 29, 2022	9:45 am - 11:15 am - 1:20 pm - 3:00pm 9:45 am - 11:15 am - 1:20 pm - 3:00pm 9:45 am - 11:15 am - 1:20 pm - 3:00pm 9:45 am - 11:15 am - 1:20 pm - 3:00pm
Annual Title I 2021-22 Annual TITLE I STATE OF SCHOOL MEETING	Date: August 26, 2021	6:00 pm
Training Parent Tech Talk		6:30 pm
Building Family Engagement Capacity Training Parent Workshop Series: Kids, Social Media and Digital Well-being	TBD	TBD
Annual Title I Fall Parent Input	Date: October 18, 2021	6:30 pm
Literacy Night: Virtual Storytelling	Date: December 9, 2021	
Annual Title I Spring Parent Input Meet/School Improvement Opportunity	Date: March 15, 2022	5:15 pm
Math and Science Night	Date: March 15, 2022	6:00 pm
International Cultural Awareness Night	Date: March 31, 2022	6:00 pm
Transition activities for rising 5 th grade students	TBD	TBD
Transition activities for rising 9 th grade students	TBD	TBD

These dates and times are listed in the Junior Wildcat Newsletter, on East Cobb Middle School's website, in the PTSA Calendar and Handbook, and outlined in our Parent Involvement Activities Plan

Neglected and Delinquent Statement:

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Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Parental and Family Engagement

East Cobb Middle believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including 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, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

East Cobb Middle is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs or if you would like to schedule a meeting.
(770) 578-2740 or
georgina.rodriquez@cobbk12.org

Parents will receive information from our school in their child's home language in a timely manner. East Cobb Middle School uses the following communication methods to provide parents with timely information:

CTLS Parents - this is an automated telephone system that will call each household with general school announcements and when a student is absent from school. Leetonia Young, Principal, uses this system to send a weekly message.

- **Back-To-School Night** - this is held during the first month of school to provide parents information about their student's academic schedule, Synergy, communication tools, PTSA, volunteer opportunities, as well as other relevant information.
- **Web Page** - East Cobb Middle School has a web page which serves as another communication tool to inform students and parents of upcoming events and links to educational resources, teacher blogs, and other relevant information and can be found at www.cobbk12.org/Eastcobb/.
- **PTSA Calendar and Handbook** - this is another resource to keep parents and students informed of East Cobb Middle School meetings, parent workshops and extracurricular events.
- **E-NEWS Blasts** - this is an electronic tool used to share school updates, community events, and offer volunteer opportunities.
- **Jr. Wildcat News** - this is the quarterly newsletter of East Cobb Middle School.
- **Student Agendas** - A student agenda is provided to every student of East Cobb Middle School. It outlines the day - to - day procedures for the students as well as behavioral expectations. This is an important tool used to encourage organization skills. It may also be used as a communication tool between teachers and parents.
- **Parent-Teacher Conference Week** - Middle School conferences are held the week of October 19-22, 2021. Parents have an opportunity to meet with their child's homeroom teacher to discuss the progress of their child and to enhance the parent- teacher relationship. In addition to conferences, parents are welcome to request a meeting with any of their child's teachers as they deem necessary.
- **Parent Workshop Series** - East Cobb Middle School will be conducting several seminars during the school year to keep parents involved in the educational aspect of the student's classes as well as offering workshops to help strengthen the academic connection of parents and students at home. During these workshops we will review strategies to support your student, our curriculum, standards, and assessments.
- Find us on social media at ECMS on Facebook and ECMS on Twitter @ECMSWildcats



Parental Involvement Standards

East Cobb Middle 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



. School and Community Partnership

- a. Our school builds ties between home and school by educating teachers, pupil services personnel, administration, and other staff by gathering input from parents on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal educational partners.
- b. Our school partnerships with the local community. Some of our partners are East Lake Chick Fil-A, Xdrenaline, Zaxby's, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Highland Chiropractic, Dental One Associates of Marietta, the Cuban Diner, and Sojourn Church Super Cuts and Huntington Learning Center.

We are aggressively seeking additional partnerships. Our partners support our school by providing incentives for academic and behavioral success, character education incentives, and student teacher recognitions.

If you have additional comments, questions, or concerns about this policy, you may contact Leetonia Young, Principal at (770) 578 - 2740 or at Leetonia.Young@cobbk12.org.