



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2020-2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Etowah Elementary School will provide students the opportunity to become lifelong learners. We will respect the whole child and nurture his/her potential in a safe environment .

SCHOOL BELIEFS (CORE VALUES)

- All children can learn.
- A child's education is a result of partnerships between school, home and community.
- Diverse learning styles require diverse instructional approaches.
- All students, teachers and staff should acknowledge, appreciate, and respect cultural and academic differences.
- The school community plays an integral part in developing responsible character in each student.
- High expectations encourage high performance.
- Character education is essential to helping children become productive citizens.

Etowah Elementary Parent and Family Involvement Policy

Convene an Annual Meeting

Traditionally, Etowah Elementary hosts an open house event in September. During open house, Etowah presents information about Title I funding and programs. Due to health and safety, while following our governor's and NCDHS orders, we did not host this event. However, a video with Title I funding and programs will be sent out to parents and families this fall. On August 24, 2020, parents and families were sent a notification letter about Etowah's Title I program which is also available on our school's website.

Offer Flexible Parent and Family Engagement Educational and Informational Activities

While we will have to be creative during the pandemic, Etowah Elementary will provide educational and informational activities and opportunities for families throughout the school year. These include, but are not limited to, academic engagement activities, information about student assessments, which will detail proficiency levels and expected student growth, and strategies families can use to help students succeed.

Feedback from families will assist Etowah in different engagement activities to offer. Virtual events and/or recordings will be held and available at varying times to accommodate the needs of working families.

Etowah School Family Involvement Policy (cont.)

Involve Parents and Families in an Organized, Ongoing, and Timely Way

Etowah Elementary will provide parent representation on the School Improvement Team, Parent Involvement Committee, and Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council. Parents and families will be included in decisions involving The School Improvement Plan, this Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and will be asked to serve on various school committees.

Provide Timely Information

Individual teacher conferences will be scheduled at times convenient for families, as well as MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) meetings, 504 meetings, and IEP (Individualized Education Program) placement meetings. Teacher newsletters, websites, social media, educational apps, report cards, progress reports, and standardized test results will all be used to keep families informed about school events and their child's educational needs and progress.

Provide for Family Comments

Etowah Elementary will provide opportunities for family comments on the schoolwide plan through conferences, committees, the School Improvement Team, and surveys.

Etowah Elementary recognizes the importance of home and school communication, involvement, and collaboration for the success and well being of our students and encourages parents to communicate regularly with faculty and staff.

Parent and Family Engagement Activities 2020-2021

Traditionally, Etowah hosts a variety of parent and family engagement activities and events including Veterans Day Assembly and Breakfast for Etowah Family Veterans, Literacy Lunch and Lead, Mathematics Donuts and Discussion, Science Fair, Fun Run, Rising Kindergarten Socials, and Honor Roll Assemblies. We will continue to look for creative ways to engage our parents and families during this pandemic.

August 12 - 14	Meet-the-Teacher Appointments (K-1)
August 12 - 14	Meet-the-Teacher Virtual Meetings (2-5)
August 17 - 19	Google Classroom & Class Schedule In-Person
or Virtual Orientation	
	Sessions (K-1)
Fall	Annual Title I Informational Video
October/November	Individual Parent Conferencing (K-5)

November 3
March 11
TBD

Virtual Lunch and Literacy
Virtual Math Carnival
Honor Roll and/or Recognitions