⭐ **ETOWAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
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2026-2027 Etowah Parent Engagement Policy

Convene an Annual Meeting:

Etowah Elementary hosts an open house and annual meeting during the first quarter of the school year. During this meeting, Etowah presents information about Title I funding and programs. This meeting will be held on August 27, 2026, 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:

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 may be held and available at varying times to accommodate the needs of working families.

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. Our Parent Engagement and Home School Compact were reviewed and approved with parent input from PTO (July 2026) and SIT (August 2026) included in the final Home School Promise.

Provide Timely Information:

Individual teacher conferences will be scheduled at times convenient for families in the fall and spring for all students. For students having special or unique learning needs, additional meetings will be scheduled including MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) meetings, 504 meetings, and IEP (Individualized Education Program) meetings and PEP (Personalized Education Plans). 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 2026-27.

As we begin our journey of *Following Our North Star*, we believe strong partnerships between families and school help guide every child toward success. Some of our family engagement activities and events include:

- Meet the Teacher Event — August 10, 2026 from 3:30 - 5:00pm
- Kindergarten Parent Meeting — August 10, 2026 from 5:00 - 6:00pm
- Annual Title I Informational Meeting & Open House — August 27, 2026 from 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- Elementary Night at WHHS Football Game — September 11, 2026 6:45pm
- Fall Book Fair — October 23 - 30, 2026 (ends at 2pm)
- K, 2nd, 4th Lunch, Lead & Literacy — October 23, 2026 (30 min before lunch)
- 1st, 3rd, 5th Lunch, Lead & Literacy — October 26, 2026 (30 min before lunch)
- Fall Conferences — most during Oct. 19 - 30, 2026
- Veteran's Day Program — November 12, 2026 at 9am
- 1st Semester Growth Parades - K-2nd — January 15, 2027 1:15 - 1:45pm
- 1st Semester Growth Parades - 3rd - 5th — January 15, 2027 2:00 - 2:30pm
- Math Carnival — January 28, 2027 4:00 - 5:30pm