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Family Engagement Policy
2025-2026

East Hickman Elementary School involves families in our Family Engagement Policy in an organized, ongoing, and timely way. Families and parents are a vital part of our school leadership team. As a part of this team, families and parents are invited to monthly leadership meetings. During these meetings, parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of programs for Family Engagement and the Family Engagement Policy.

An annual meeting to which all families are invited will be held at the beginning of the school year to explain the Title I, Part A School-Wide Program. At this meeting, the program is explained and parents are encouraged to ask questions. Letters explaining the program will be sent home to those who were unable to attend the orientation. An additional meeting will be held to offer more flexibility.

East Hickman Elementary School makes the school level policy and plan available to the local community in a variety of ways, including a district website and an East Hickman Elementary School website, in the school office, and in our school handbook.

East Hickman Elementary School provides families with timely information about the school through: parent/family workshops, school-wide/grade level specific events, activities throughout the school year, and newsletters for parents and families. Upcoming events and other important information is provided on the district website, the school website, the digital sign located in the front of the school, phone calls, emails, class Dojo, and communication folders.

At the beginning of the year Open House, East Hickman Elementary School provides families with descriptions and explanations of the curriculum used at the school, the state standards being taught, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Families are also provided with individual student updates throughout the school year. Through RTI letters, Interventionists give updates to the students' families when there are any changes.

East Hickman Elementary School provides families with opportunities for regular meetings, if requested, to formulate suggestions, to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children, and to respond to any suggestions as soon as practically possible. Family members are invited to serve as members of the Leadership Team and share concerns. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held to inform the parent/guardian of their child's progress and to discuss any

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concerns. Parents/Guardians may also request conferences as needed. Teachers provide email addresses, letters, accept phone calls, and assignment books/agendas or homework folders to keep in constant contact with parents.

For the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, parents and families will have several opportunities to assist in their child's learning and EHES will provide any needed assistance to parents. These include, but are not limited to: Open House, Kindergarten Orientation, Parent/Family Workshops, Family Reading/Math Night, and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

East Hickman Elementary uses the following methods to communicate to the families in a language they understand: School-Parent/Family Compacts, invitations and reminders to workshops and events, academic brochures, and ClassDojo.

East Hickman Elementary School revises the School-Parent/Family compact during our annual School-wide Leadership Committee meeting in the fall. The committee, composed of a supervisor, administrators, teachers, parents, and community members are presented with the compact and asked to review and improve its effectiveness. It is distributed to all students and their families at the beginning of the school year or at registration. The importance of this document is also discussed at our annual Orientations and Open Houses.