

Lithia Springs Elementary School
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan 2023-2024

Lithia Springs Elementary School
Family Involvement Plan
For Shared Student Success
2023-2024 School Year



Lithia Springs Elementary School
Tonia Small, Principal
6946 Florence Dr., Lithia Springs, GA 30122
(770) 651-4100
<https://lses.dcssga.org/>

What is Title I?

Lithia Springs Elementary School is identified as a Title I School, as defined by Every Child Succeeds Act of 2017 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to 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 family involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all families a written family involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Lithia Springs Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Lithia Springs Elementary values the contributions and involvement of families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Lithia Springs Elementary will support family engagement. This plan demonstrates how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? This policy is designed through a collaborative effort with families, teachers, the Parent Outreach Facilitator (POF), the Instructional Lead Teacher (ILT), and school administrators. Each year a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is selected for the school term. The PAC meets a minimum of twice during the school year and at least once annually to review and revise the Parent Engagement Policy. All families are invited to attend these meetings to offer input. Lithia Springs Elementary School welcomes family input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All family feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for families to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also post an annual survey online and distribute these surveys with students to take home for family input.

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. Lithia Springs Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities and families of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with a copy of the LEA (District) Family Involvement Plan and the Title I School-Family Compact with all students. It is also posted on the Lithia Springs Elementary website, and additional copies are available in the Parent Resource Center.

Lithia Springs Elementary School
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan 2023-2024

2023-2024 District Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

2023-2024 School Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

Subject & Focus Areas K-5:

Reading- Guided Reading
Writing-Narrative & Opinion
Math-Place Value & Fact Fluency

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Lithia Springs Elementary, the Parent Advisory Council, and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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. This process will take place during many family engagement opportunities including the Parent Advisory Council meetings. The signed school-parent compacts will be on file in the Parent Resource Center.

Let us Get Together!

Lithia Springs Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family involvement to support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

Title I Annual Parent Meeting schedule:

September 7th, 2023

9:00 am & 5:30 PM

Parent Workshop schedule:

<u>Workshop Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Open House	September 7, 2023	5:30-7:00 pm
Tech/Study Skills Night	September 19, 2023	9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Hispanic Heritage Night	September 28, 2023	6:00-7:00 pm
Literacy Night	October 26, 2023	6:00-7:00 pm
Health and Wellness Night	November 1, 2023	6:00-7:00 pm
Math Night	February 1, 2024	6:00 pm
Rising Kindergarten Meeting	May 9, 2024	9:00 am & 6:00 pm

School PAC meeting schedule:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Meeting 1	Parent Advisory Council	August 22, 2023	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
Meeting 2	Parent Advisory Council	January 23, 2024	9:00 AM 6:00 PM
Meeting 3	Parent Advisory Council	May 7, 2024	9:00 AM 6:00 PM

Please check the school website for unforeseen date changes. <https://lses.dcssga.org/>



Lithia Springs Elementary School
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan 2023-2024

Family Involvement

Lithia Springs Elementary believes that family involvement means the participation of families in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including/ensuring –

- That families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That family are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That families 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Lithia Springs Elementary is committed to helping our families attend the family engagement activities listed in this policy and may be able to help those who need assistance in order to participate in our programs. (770) 651-4105 and (770) 651-4107

Student Achievement

Lithia Springs Elementary is Branching Out!

Lithia Springs Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school, parent and family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, Facebook page, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Conduct staff development at least 3 times per school year on parent and family involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents and families.
- ✓ Collaborate with Head Start to share school information about school parent family engagement activities that will help prepare families and their child and or children for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in the school and/or grade level newsletters with parents and families. This will help families understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all parents, families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents and families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for families at conferences, meetings, and activities. This will help families work with their child and or children in improving their achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school's parent family engagement involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to families' request for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent(s).

Lithia Springs Elementary School
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan 2023-2024

Parent Involvement Standards

Lithia Springs Elementary and our parents and families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, families 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

Parent Advisory Council

Lithia Springs Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council (**PAC**) to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The **PAC** will meet three times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the **PAC**, please contact the Principal or Family Engagement Contact at (770) 651-4105 and (770) 651-4107, or complete the interest form and leave it in the Office.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Advisory Council (PAC).
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Advisory Council
- ☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

