

# Lula Elementary School

## *Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success*

*2019-2020 School Year*

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### **What is Title I?**

Lula Elementary 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 the challenging State academic standards 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 Lula Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Lula Elementary 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 Lula Elementary 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?**

Lula Elementary 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 school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website 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 paper copy 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 at any Lula Elementary Event.

### **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. Lula Elementary 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?**

At the beginning of the year, a paper copy of the plan is given to all students. As a reminder, we will email the plan to all parents in September. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

### **2019-20 District Goals**

70% of schools will meet their state CCRPI target.

By the end of third grade, 90% of HCSD students will be able to read on grade level.

By the end of fifth grade, 90% of HCSD students will master 90% of their basic fluency facts with automaticity from long-term memory.

### **2019-20 School Goals**

Students in grades 3-5 will increase their ELA, Reading, and Math scores on EOG assessments by 3%.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Lula Elementary 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 meetings, curriculum nights, and

Other school events..

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school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

## **Let's Get Together!**

Lula Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings will be held at the time specified below.

### **Open House – August 5, 2019 3:00-6:00 PM**

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### **Curriculum Night-September 10, 2019 3:00 PM-5:00 PM**

Drop in to your child's classroom for information on the curriculum your student will be learning this year! See work samples, and allow your child to show off their work! Learn what you can do to support your child's learning at home.

### **Mandated Reporting Information September 27 at 8:30 AM**

Come by and meet our counselor, learn about volunteering in our classrooms, and learn about mandated reporting! She will conduct volunteer training and give you ideas for how to help your child succeed at home with homework, reading, and math facts.

### **Annual Title I Meeting – October 29, 2019 at 5:00 PM AND Math Curriculum Night at 6:00 PM!**

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, and social media. Join us at 6:00 PM for math night and trunk or treat!

### **Enrichment Clusters Showcase November 14 and Spring 2020 TBA**

Come and see your child's work in Enrichment Clusters!

### **Impact of School Attendance November 20, 2019 at 8:30 AM**

Ms. Engle will discuss the impact of school absences, and share ways to communicate with your child and teacher in the event of sickness. There are many things that can be done at home with reading and math so that your child doesn't fall behind!

### **Internet Safety December 13 at 8:30 AM**

During this session, parents and family members will learn how to keep children safe online!

### **Helping Children Become Resilient – January 10, 2020 at 8:30 AM**

### **School Forum – May 1, 2020 at 8:30 AM**

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff

## 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, 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

## Parent and Family Engagement

Lula Elementary 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.

The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Lula Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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## Lula Elementary is Branching Out!

Lula Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.

Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.

Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.

Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.

Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.

Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.

Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.

Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Lula Elementary 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:

Welcoming All Families  
Communicating Effectively  
Supporting Student Success  
Speaking Up for Every Child  
Sharing Power  
Collaborating with Community

## School Community Team

Lula Elementary invites all parents to join the School Council Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Council Team, please contact the principal at (770) 869-3261 or complete the interest

form and leave it in the Main Office.

## School Council Team

Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Council Team.  
Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Council Team.  
Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

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 policy 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)