

# Lula Elementary School



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

### ***2024-2025 School Year***

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# 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 Parent and Family Input meeting 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 for 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.

## **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, after revision, the plan is sent out to all parents through Remind. The plan is also posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office upon request.

## **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 families. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

### **District Goals 2024-2025**

Goal 1: By the end of FY25, the percentage of students in each subgroup moving into the proficient and distinguished levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments will increase by 2% in the Proficient and Distinguished levels of performance.

Goal 2: By the end of FY25, increase the percentage of referred students who access school based mental health services in order to increase the overall school climate rating for HCSD by 1%.

### **School Goals 2024-2025**

Goal 1: By the end of FY 2025, at least 50% of students will meet projected Reading achievement as measured by MAP.

Goal 2: By the end of FY 2025, at least 60% of students will meet projected Math achievement as measured by MAP.

Goal 3: During FY25, 100% of students will have the opportunity to participate in bimonthly SEL lessons from the guidance counselor to understand their social-emotional needs and equip them with strategies to increase their social-emotional health.

### 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. The School Parent Compact is available on the school website and distributed through Remind, as well as shared at the annual Title I Meeting. Copies are also available in the front office.

## **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.

### **Curriculum Night – Thursday, August 29 6:00-7:00 PM**

Come to the gym at 6:00PM to hear from school leadership and community members on “all things safety”: internet, school safety, etc. Then, report to your child’s classroom to sample a little bite from the different areas of your child’s academics. Here you will learn about math and literacy standards, technology, and assessments.

### **What is Benchmark? Thursday, September 5 at 10AM**

Zoom with us on the topic of Benchmark Reading and how to help your child at home with Reading with Mrs. Rogers. Link will be sent via remind.

### **Annual Title I Meeting – Thursday, October 24 at 10:00AM and 5:00 PM**

We invite you to attend a meeting of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, budget, the school wide improvement plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents’ requirements. We will offer two different times, 10am and 5pm. Invitations are emailed, posted in the newsletter, and through remind.

### **Trunk or Treat – Thursday, October 24 from 5:30-7:00 PM**

Join the community for a bit of Halloween Fun while learning math facts! Mrs. Rogers will provide games for learning even more about math at home! Also, the book fair will be in the learning commons!

### **Veterans Patriotic Night--November 7 at 6:00 PM:**

Fourth and fifth grade will host a Veterans Patriotic Night! Join us at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Rogers will have literacy materials available to help your child grow as a reader at home.

### **Winter Wonderland-December 19 6:00-8:00 PM**

Second and third grade will bring a special holiday performance to us at 6:00 PM Then, join us throughout the school for Bingo, math craft, and other special events.

### **Connection between home and school: Understanding your Child’s Assessments: January 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM via zoom**

Log on to zoom and get information and tips about the assessments your child will be given this school year and how to interpret the results to best help your child at home! Link will be sent via remind.

### **Parent and Family Input Meeting - April 24 10 AM (Zoom) and 6:00-7:00 PM (in person)**

Mrs. Rogers will present Title I input information, and ask for feedback in the gym. The parent input meeting will also be provided on April 19 at 10:00 am via zoom! Parents, families and stakeholders give input to the School Improvement Plan, Comprehensive Needs Assessment, School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and Family Engagement Budget.

## Parental 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 School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with transportation or child care in order to participate in our programs. Please call Lynette Scheman at 770-869-3261 if you need transportation assistance.



## 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 posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- 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.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- 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 our School PTO to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, through a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- Partner with Head Start through the District Parent Outreach Facilitator. The District Parent Outreach Facilitator meets with parents and families providing information and resources to support school orientation for parents, families and students to assist in successful student transitions to kindergarten.
- Participate in Canvas professional development modules at least four times per year to educate staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.

### Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Lula Elementary and our PTO go by these standards as the school's model in engaging parents, students, 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 Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Our learning commons house a variety of parent resources. Mrs. Rogers also has materials for checkout in her classroom.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 2:30 pm

Lula Elementary invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Parents and family members can 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 get more involved, please complete the interest form and turn it into the Main Office. Thank you!

### Parent and Family Engagement Committee/School Council

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent and Family Engagement Committee
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent and Family Engagement Committee
- 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 regarding this plan and the students' or 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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