

East Columbus Magnet Academy

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What is Title I?

East Columbus Magnet Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

District Goal

- The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses on tier 1 instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

School's SMART Goals

- By May 2019, 100% of the ECMA teachers will be trained and 85% actively implementing strategies for supporting behavior change by implementing Dan St. Romain's 9 Positive Behavior Principles.
- By May 2019, 100% of the ECMA teachers will be trained while 85% will be actively implementing a cognitive strategy instructed groups with the objective of deepening the cognition as observed in students' speaking and writing.

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Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2018-2019

Plan Revision Date: 08/07/18

What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how East Columbus Magnet Academy will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. East Columbus Magnet Academy values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it developed?

East Columbus Magnet Academy welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parental and Family Engagement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. East Columbus Magnet Academy also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parental and Family Engagement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

Who is it for?

All parents at East Columbus Magnet Academy are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. East Columbus Magnet Academy will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be sent home with each student and is also available in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school and on the school's website.

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What is a School- Parent Compact?

As part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, East Columbus Magnet Academy and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School -Parent Compact for Student Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The School-Parent Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Area/Room. A copy will also be requested from the school office or from your child's teacher.

Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities

Annual Title I Parent Night

Learn about our Title I program including: Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the parents' requirements

Georgia Milestones Assessment

Overview of the state testing which measures how well students learn the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards while gaining knowledge on improving test scores

Smart Goal 1 & 2 Workshop (fall)

Provide strategies and tips for support at home

Smart Goal 1 & 2 Workshop (winter)

Provide strategies and tips for support at home

Academic Workshop

Stay abreast of student's school progress via Parent Portal and learn the latest resources to help support student learning

Open House

Join PTO, Meet your child's teachers, Review and Revise School Improvement Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and School-Parent Compact.

Moving on UP!

Transitioning to the next grade

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, Connect-Ed, flyers, and posted on school's marquee.
- Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with elementary and high schools to share information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for middle school.
- Share information in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school.
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.

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