



Lincoln Elementary School

2024-25 Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Success

Plan Revised July 25, 2024

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Lincoln Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Lincoln Elementary values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement.

This plan also describes the different ways that Lincoln Elementary will support family engagement. The plan explains how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Lincoln Elementary School invited all families to attend our annual School Forum last spring. These families gave their recommendations on how to review and revise the following: the parent and family engagement policy, the school improvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget.

During the school year, we will implement the following to meet the objectives from the spring recommendations from families on how to revise the school plan in order to improve family engagement.

The school will provide the following opportunities for families to communicate their recommendations throughout the school year:

- ❖ A binder is in the main office for families to communicate their recommendation for revisions after viewing the school plan.
- ❖ The school plan is posted on the website for families to view and give recommendations.
- ❖ An annual online survey is posted and distributed requesting feedback of specific areas of importance to enhance our school environment.
- ❖ Specific meetings provide opportunities to communicate family recommendations, such as family academic engagement meetings and activities during the school year.
- ❖ All feedback received during the year is used to revise the plan for the next school year.

**When students, schools,
families, and communities come
together – we CAN achieve our
goals!**

Who is it for?

Lincoln Elementary will encourage and provide full opportunity for the participation of all scholars, parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children as describe in this plan.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan communicated with all families during our school's Open House. As a reminder, we will provide a copy of the plan to all families in September before the scheduled Parent Teacher Conference event. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Families can also request a copy of the plan in the front office of the school.

What is Title I?

Title I is a program 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 are focused on providing effective means of improving student achievement and including strategies to support family engagement. Lincoln Elementary is a Title I school, part of the "Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)".

To meet the objective of all Title I schools, Lincoln Elementary must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



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Lincoln Elementary 2024-25 Schoolwide Goals:

At Lincoln, our goal is to increase student achievement by 25% or higher in ELA and Math based on the TN Ready achievement assessment. We also believe our scholars' attendance will average 95% weekly.

JMCSS District Goals for 2024-25:

To create college and career ready scholars by building a strong early foundations program with curriculum alignment through all grades.



Parent and Family Engagement

Lincoln Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents/family members and teachers in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring that:

- families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school; and
- 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.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Lincoln Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact. A compact is a written agreement that families, teachers, and students jointly develop to explain how everyone will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from families, students, and teachers during various events and the annual School Planning Meeting. The school-parent compacts are displayed throughout the building, shared with families during parent-teacher conferences, posted on our school website (www.jmcss.org/lincoln), and extra copies are always available in the front office. If you would like to provide feedback on the compact any time during the year, please contact Annie Atkins at (731) 988-3800 or awatkins@jmcss.org.



Lincoln Elementary is branching out!



Lincoln's Vision

We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment by building meaningful relationships, ensuring academic excellence, and engaging parents and stakeholders to become active participants in lifelong learning for all scholars.



Lincoln Elementary is committed to helping our parents and family members attend the events listed in this policy.

Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation to participate in any of our programs.

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Lincoln Elementary will take the following measures to empower and support families as an important foundation of our school in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals.

We will:

- ❖ Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities are communicated effectively by posting on the school website, virtual options, sending flyers home, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ❖ Provide monthly trainings for staff during faculty meetings on strategies to improve communication with families and share ideas to increase family engagement in reading, math, and science for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share promising practices in family engagement during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ❖ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, colleges, businesses, and other community partners to ensure we are providing information that will help families better educate their scholar(s) and enhance their various educational levels.
- ❖ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, virtual conferences, our school website, social media, newsletters, and flyers.
- ❖ Educate our families by presenting relevant trainings and helpful presentations to support student learning through parent and family engagement.
- ❖ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their scholar(s) to improve their child's academic achievement.
- ❖ Use our Partners in Education and Community Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ❖ Offer literacy and math workshops for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ❖ Collect feedback from parents and community stakeholders at all events, place a suggestion box in the parent center and post a suggestion form on the school website to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Let's get together!

Lincoln Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement and support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Most meetings for parents and family members will be held twice during the day - in the morning before school and in the evening at 6:00 p.m. See the entire listing of events on our website: www.jmcass.org/lincoln.

Open House – August 3, 2023

Come out and celebrate with us as we welcome our scholars back to school.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 3, 2023 (2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

We invite you to an afternoon of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter and on social media. A second offering will be held on August 7, 2023 (9:00 am).

Literacy Night – September 2023

Families will enjoy fun with reading and literacy activities to enhance learning at home.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Sept. 14, 2023 & Feb. 15, 2024

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Harvest Festival – October 2023

Families will join us for a night of fun!

Veterans' Day Program – November 2023

This event will bring the community under one roof to help inspire scholars to learn about the college or career of their choice.

Winter Program – December 2023

Scholars will join together to celebrate the holiday season.

Black History Program – February 2024

Join us to learn about and celebrate the contributions of famous Black Americans.

Math and Science Night – March 2024

Families will enjoy fun with math and science activities to enhance learning at home.

TNReady Testing – April 2024

Make sure your scholar gets plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast each day.

Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities:

1. PAC Committee (Parent and Community Committee)
2. Boys/Girls Mentoring Group
3. School Volunteer (Read Across America, Book Fair, TNReady Proctors, Field Day, and many more)
4. Community Engagement Committee
5. Adopt a Teacher Event
6. *Support school events*



Community Engagement Committee

Lincoln Elementary invites all families to join the Community Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve others 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 family surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Community Engagement Committee, please contact Annie Atkins at (731) 988-3800 or complete the interest form below and leave it in the front office.



Community Engagement Committee

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Community Engagement Committee.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the Community Engagement Committee. Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade Level: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with meeting the academic achievement and goals of the scholars and the school: please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the front office:

Name (optional): _____ Phone Number (optional): _____

Comments: _____

