

# Lamar-Milledge Elementary School

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

**2021-2022 School Year**

Lamar-Milledge Elementary School  
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### What is Title I?

Lamar-Milledge 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

LMES parents and staff worked jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy. LMES is currently involved in:

- monthly STEM initiatives
- volunteer training
- Student presentations & projects

## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Lamar-Milledge Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Lamar-Milledge 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 Lamar-Milledge 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?

Lamar-Milledge 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 mail 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 including our annual Community Cares 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. Lamar-Milledge 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?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the school Web site and the front office. Copies will be sent home by students. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

### Parental Involvement

Lamar-Milledge Elementary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents 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.



### **2021–2022 RCSS District Goals**

- During the 2021-2022 school year, we will increase the percentage of highly effective teachers and leaders hired, trained, supported and retained in RCSS to impact academic achievement across all content areas.
- During the 2021-2022 school year, we will increase the percentage of students with access to 1:1 technology and integrate personalized learning strategies to impact achievement across all content areas

### **2021–2022 LME School Goals**

**Goal 1:** Increase content mastery of ELA by 10 percentage points as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMAS), iReady, and report card grades.

**Goal 2:** Increase the content mastery of Math by 10 percentage points as measured by GMAS, iReady, and report card grades.

**Goal 3:** Maintain tutoring services and establish a PTO provided support by all school partners to increase achievement in Reading (and create a love for Reading), by 10% from Beginning of year to the end of the year.

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Lamar-Milledge Elementary and our families have developed a school-parent compact, which is an agreement explaining how parents, teachers, and students 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 throughout the school year. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-

teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Track Your Child's Progress: Download the Infinite Campus APP



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

Lamar-Milledge 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.

#### **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences – September 20, 2021 –October 7, 2021**

Meet with your child's teacher and receive updates on your child's progress.

#### **Schools Not Spooky – October 28, 2021 (if permitted due to COVID-19)**

Fun night for parents to participate in hands on learning activities designed to make learning fun.

#### **Parent Workshops – Throughout the school year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**

Monthly parent workshops to include how to volunteer at school, using Infinite Campus, Computer Basics, GMAS prep, and more.

#### **Lunch and Lit – November 8-11, 2021**

Parents are invited to eat lunch with their child on days assigned to grade levels. After lunch, parents will be invited to return to their child's classroom to participate in a literacy activity. The school's annual bookfair will also be open for parents and students.

#### **GA Milestones Preparation Workshop – February & March 2022**

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics.

#### **Spring Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – February 22, 2021 - March 10, 2022**

Meet with your child's teacher and receive updates on your child's progress.

#### **Spring Book Fair- May 2022**

All students will receive a free book from the book fair and be able to shop for books and other things to include highlighter, pencils, smell good erasers, etc) to purchase as well.

#### **Accelerated Reader Initiative- October 2021 – May 2022**

All students will be encouraged to read books based on their preference and Lexile score. Classes, grade levels, and grade bands will compete and receive parties, certificates, and other incentives throughout the year.

#### **Book Vending Machine Initiative- August 2021 – May 2022**

All students will receive a free book from the book fair and be able to shop for books and other things to include highlighter, pencils, smell good erasers, etc) to purchase as well.

### **Parent Center – Room 111**

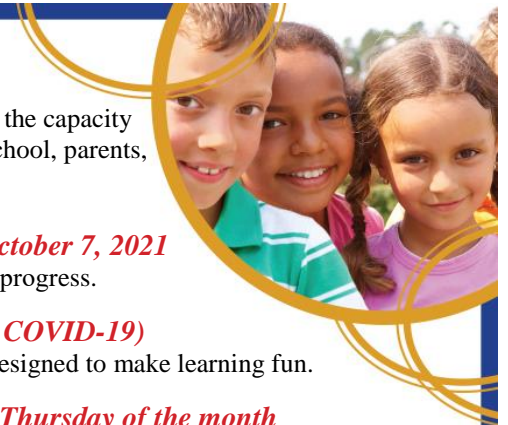
Come visit the Parent Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

**Monday – Friday**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm (by appointment)**

**OFFICE 706.737.7262 ext. 3965**

**FAX 706.737.7261**



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Lamar-Milledge Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you have questions or concerns regarding our programs.

(706) 737-7262

## Lamar-Milledge Elementary is Branching Out!

Lamar-Milledge 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 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.
- ✓ 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 card around the building and a post 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

Lamar-Milledge Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships 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

## School Community Team

Lamar-Milledge Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community 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 Community Team, please contact the principal at (706) 737-7262 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



## School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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