Feedback

All Stakeholders at East Columbus Magnet Academy are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback. For any part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/ School-Parent Compact that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and school's goals for academic achievement, please provide suggestions and feedback. We welcome all parent feedback. Please send those suggestions and/or feedback to the school office and/or Parent Contact Representative via email:

Davis.Sara.C@muscogee.k12.ga.us



Visit Our Parent Resource Center

Our Parent Resource Center/Area has learning games, books, and workbooks, and many other resources available for families to checkout or keep for use at home. Our Parent Contact is Mrs. Sara Davis, and she is available to help you find resources, navigate Parent Portal and Canvas, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

Our Parent Center/Area is located in Room 613 on the green hall. Hours of Operation are by appointment.

Please contact the school for additional information about our Parent Resource Center, resources available for checkout, and volunteer opportunities.

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Parent and Family Engagement Policy & School-Parent Compact for 2026-2027

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Our School Goals

School's SMART Goals:

Goal 1: Instructional Goal:

By May 2027, 80% of teachers at East Columbus Magnet Academy will consistently deliver high-impact Tier 1 instruction centered on teacher clarity, data-driven decisions, and student accountability.

Goal 2: Climate Goal:

•By May 2027, 100% of ECMA staff will be trained in strategies that define a culture of belonging, with 85% implementing at least two relationship-building strategies proven effective

Working Together to Ensure Success

East Columbus Magnet Academy's teachers will:

- Create a partnership with every family in our classrooms and provide opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in school activities.
- Coordinate activities for Math and Literacy Night and share strategies with families on how to help students at home.
- Implement personalized learning to increase student achievement.
- Establish open lines of communication with parents concerning their child's school performance.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

East Columbus Magnet Academy and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnership as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

The National PTA Standards are:

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

As Students, we will……..

- Set achievement goals to succeed in school, reach for our highest potential in reading, writing, and math.
- Discuss academic goals with family.
- Increase Lexile reading scores.
- Collaborate with peers and teachers to increase academic success.
- Work on math and reading skills at home using materials teachers send home.

As Families, we will……..

- Use reading and math materials and strategies sent home each week to help students improve their academic abilities.
- Attend parent workshops to help their students be successful.
- Communicate with teachers regarding questions and/or concerns about student's individual goals for learning.
- Access Infinite Campus and Canvas to access student grades to monitor performance.

Let's Go Knights!

How is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact developed and revised?

Each school that receives federal funds will conduct a yearly annual meeting to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact. Each school will invite all families to provide input on revisions to the policy/compact. Families are welcome to provide input throughout the year via feedback forms, emails, comments, or telephone. The revised policy/compact will be available throughout the year in our parent resource area and on our school website.

Where is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact available and who is it for?

The Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact is designated for all families and is available on our school's website. Families can also request paper copies of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. All families at East Columbus Magnet Academy are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities as described in our Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how East Columbus Magnet Academy will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. East Columbus Magnet Academy values the contributions and involvement of families 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 and family engagement and how families are encouraged to be full partners in the decision-making of their child's education.

What is a School- Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is a written agreement that outlines how our school, our students, and our families will work together to ensure the academic success of all students. An effective School-Parent Compact contains the following elements:

- **Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan**
- **Specific skills students will learn**
- **Strategies that will be used to meet goals**
- **Ways to extend learning at home**
- **Methods of communication**
- **Meeting to review compact**

What is Title I?

East Columbus Magnet Academy is identified as a school that receives federal funds as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Federal grants through ESSA ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Federal programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement. Parents and family members of children receiving services shall be involved in the decisions regarding how funds reserved are al-lotted for parent and family engagement activities and resources.

Building Partnerships

East Columbus Magnet Academy collaborates with families and community partners to provide multiple workshops and trainings at various times that meet the needs of the parents and support Parent and Family Engagement at the school. We will offer the following activities to build our partnership with families:

- **Annual Title I Parent Meeting**
- **Parent and Family Engagement/ School-Parent Compact Review Meeting**
- **Reading and Literacy Meeting**
- **Technology Meeting**
- **Georgia Milestones Workshop**
- **Transition Meetings**
- **Additional Activities To Build Parent Capacity**

Please visit our website regularly and check emails/notifications to learn about dates, times and other details about up-coming events.

Our District Goals

By June 2031, Muscogee County School District will increase the percentage of students performing at or above grade-level readiness by 20 percentage points through the implementation of evidence-based instructional practices, targeted interventions, and ongoing progress monitoring across all schools.

By June 2031, Muscogee County School District will reduce districtwide chronic absenteeism by a minimum of 20% from the established baseline year (2025–2026), as measured by official student attendance data reported through the state accountability system.

Engaging & Empowering Families WITH……..

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance: Smoothie Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents:

Curriculum Information: Inform parents throughout the year about what their child is learning by providing parent and family engagement meetings and workshops, parent-teacher conferences, information on Canvas, and on our school website.

Student Progress Monitoring: Ensure families are familiar with the Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessments, course history, and much more. Monitoring student progress in school is an important way to be involved in their education.

Parent Resources: Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to checkout materials to assist them with helping their child at home.

Staff Trainings: Conduct staff development on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.

Communication: Ensure schools publish all information related to school workshops, programs, meetings, and communicated on a regular basis.

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

Communication

East Columbus is committed to keeping open lines of communication with families. We have several ways to communicate. We utilize two-way communication through the school website, email, phone calls, parent conferences, social media, Infinite Campus, and Canvas to reach our students and families.

East Columbus will also provide materials at conferences and workshops to help parents work with their children at home. Parents can request additional conferences by contacting the school or their child's teacher.

If you need interpretation and/or transportation services, please contact the school at (706) 565-3026.

Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Canvas
- Messages XR and/or text messages
- Updates on Marquee
- Parent-teacher conferences