

Unity Elementary School

2023-2024

Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

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## What is Title I?

Unity Elementary School is identified as a school-wide Title I elementary school as a part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). This means that we receive federal funds to help all students become academically successful. Title I is designed to support schools in meeting challenging state academic standards and to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students.

Unity Elementary School family engagement programs will be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement and family engagement. As a Title I school, UES will jointly develop with all parents, a written family engagement plan. Parents, guardians, and families will have the opportunity to review the school-wide plan and provide suggestions for improvement.

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# Let's Get Together!

Unity Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family member will be held once during the day, in the morning before school, or in the evening.

<p><b>Fall Semester Open House</b> August 2023 <i>Meet your child's teachers, get supply lists, bus numbers, and car rider information.</i></p> <p><b>Grandparent Lunch</b> September 8 <i>Come enjoy lunch with your grandchild and hear about his/her day.</i></p> <p><b>Annual Title I Parent Meeting and Curriculum night</b> September 21 <i>Learn information about our Title I program including parent involvement plan, school-parent compact, school-wide plan, and parents' right to know.</i></p> <p><b>Pastries With Parents</b> October 20 <i>A thank you to our parents for your commitment to your child's learning</i></p> <p><b>School Council and Forum</b> October 27 <i>A forum for parents to participate in discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school improvement plan and family engagement budget.</i></p> <p><b>Fall Festival</b> October 28 <i>A day of fun activities. This event will take place during the school day.</i></p> <p><b>Veterans Day Program</b> November 10</p> <p><b>School Council</b> November 16</p>	<p><b>Christmas Program</b> December 15 <i>Please join us for our Unity Christmas Program.</i></p> <p><b>School Council Meeting</b> December 14</p> <p><b>Curriculum Night / 2nd Semester Kick Off</b> January 18</p> <p><b>School Council</b> February 22</p> <p><b>Black History Program</b> February 29 <i>Please join us for our Black History Program in the cafeteria.</i></p> <p><b>Real People Read</b> March 6 <i>Please join us as volunteers to read to our students.</i></p> <p><b>EOG NIGHT /School Council</b> March 28</p> <p><b>School Council</b> April 28 <i>A forum for parents to participate in a round table discussion with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, PEP, and compact.</i></p> <p><b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b> May 1-5</p> <p><b>Field Day</b> May 9-10</p> <p><b>Honor's Day</b> May 15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UES Goals</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) On the Spring 2024 ELA EOG assessment, UES will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above by 5 percentile points (18% to 23%) <b>AND</b> decrease the percentage scoring beginning level by 5 percentile points (52% to 47%)</li> <li>2) On the Spring 2024 Math EOG assessment, UES will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above by 5 percentile points (21% to 26%) <b>AND</b> decrease the percentage scoring beginning level by 5 percentile points (40.5% to 35.5%)</li> <li>3) On the Spring 2024 Science EOG assessment, UES will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above by 5 percentile points (12.5% to 17.5%) <b>AND</b> decrease the percentage scoring beginning level by 5 percentile points (68% to 63%)</li> <li>4) During the 2023-2024 school year, UES will increase the percentage of students with 0-1 ODRs from 92% to 95%.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meriwether County School District Goals</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Meriwether County Schools will obtain a 5% increase annually in the percentage of students scoring "DEVELOPING -or- Higher" on the 2023 Georgia Milestones through the use of engaging, data-driven, rigorous, evidence-based instruction to meet the needs of all students.</li> <li>2) Meriwether County Schools will establish positive school climates, increased collaboration, structured discipline processes, and provide support to attract and retain highly effective, growth-minded personnel committed to the success of each student and increase the overall retention rate by 10% annually.</li> <li>3) By establishing a strong communication process and partnership plan, MCSS will increase the involvement of parents, families, and the community in the support, engagement, activities, and improvement of education for Meriwether County students by 30% by the 2024-2025 school year.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mission</u></b></p> <p><i>The Meriwether County Schools is committed to empowering students to aim high, achieve, graduate, and succeed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Vision</u></b></p> <p><i>The vision of the Meriwether County Schools is to prepare all of our students to be capable of being effective, responsible and productive members of society.</i></p>
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## UES Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### *How is the Family Engagement Plan reviewed and revised?*

UES welcomes parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcoming during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Web site 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 in writing to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental engagement. Parents may provide feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. Parents can also offer suggestions and recommendations to the administrative team via email, phone call, in writing or in person.





## UES School Council

Unity Elementary School invites all parents to attend the UES School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The Council meets four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website.

UES is committed to building parent capacity in order to help all children be academically successful. To achieve this, **We will** —

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is available in the language of our families. (Translations are available upon request.)
- Provide information to parents to help them understand the school's academic standards & assessments.
- Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding student progress, parent workshops/trainings, and other parent programs.
- Use multiple tools to communicate with families such as phone messages, text messages, social media, email, and flyers.
- Work with parents to develop professional development trainings and helpful presentations to educate faculty & staff on the importance of family engagement and communication.
- Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school family engagement plan and programs/activities.
- Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various educational backgrounds.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent involvement and family engagement opportunities.

## Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center, located in the Media 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.

### UES Wants YOU

Unity Elementary School believes that parent involvement and family engagement are important to the academic success of each child. In order to achieve this, everyone must work together. UES will provide many opportunities for ALL to become involved.

#### ***As a parent/family what can I do?***

- ◆ Get involved and be part of your child's education
- ◆ Attend workshops to gain skills and knowledge to help your child
- ◆ Communicate with your child's teachers—ask questions
- ◆ Be involved in the reviewing and revising of school plans
- ◆ Find out how you can participate in the decision-making process
- ◆ Volunteer, your participation is greatly appreciated.

## Parent Involvement Coordinator

Unity Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parent involvement/family engagement programs listed in this plan.

If you have suggestions for future parent involvement activities or need additional information or support, please contact:

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