

Unity Elementary School

Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

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2026-2027



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.

Pre-K Orientation

July 28, 2026

Meet your child's teachers and obtain information regarding our Pre-K program.

Fall Semester Open House

July 29, 2026

Meet your child's teachers, get supply lists, bus numbers, and car rider information.

Fall Pictures

August 13, 2026

Annual Title I Parent Meeting and Curriculum Night

August 27, 2026

Learn information about our Title I program including parent involvement plan, school-parent compact, school-wide plan, and parents' right to know.

Bookfair

September 7-11, 2026

Students will have the opportunity to purchase items from the Bookfair.

Grits with Grandparents

September 10, 2026

Come enjoy breakfast with your grandchild and hear about his/her day.

Pastries with Parents

September 25, 2026

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat Literacy Event

October 24, 2026

A day of fun activities. This event will take place during the school day.

Veterans Day Program

November 13, 2026

Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 21, 2025

Christmas Programs

December 16, 2027

December 17, 2027

Please join us for our Unity Christmas Program.

1st Semester Awards

January 15, 2027

Black History Program

February 25, 2027

Please join us for our Black History Program in the cafeteria.

Real People Read

March 3, 2027

Please join us as volunteers to read to our students.

School Family Dance

March 26, 2027

EOG NIGHT

April 15, 2027

Pre-K Fun Day

May 12, 2027

Field Day

K-2nd

May 13, 2027

K-2nd

May 14, 2027

End of the Year Ceremonies

Pre-K Musical

May 20, 2027

5th Grade

May 20, 2027

K- 4th

May 21, 2027

UES Goals

- 1) Increase student achievement and growth in Reading by increasing the percentage of students scoring at the Developing Learner level and above on the Reading End-of-Grade (EOG) Assessment by 5 percentile points, increasing the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient Learner level and above on the Reading EOG Assessment by 5 percentile points, and increasing the percentage of students meeting or exceeding their stretch growth targets in Reading by 5 percentile points from the 2025–2026 baseline.
- 2) Increase student achievement and growth in Mathematics by increasing the percentage of students scoring at the Developing Learner level and above on the Math EOG assessments by 5 percentile points, increasing the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient Learner level and above on the Math EOG by 5 percentile points, and increasing the percentage of students meeting or exceeding their stretch growth targets in Mathematics by 5 percentile points from the 2025–2026 baseline.
- 3) Increase the percentage of students scoring at the Developing Learner level and above on the Science End-of-Grade (EOG) Assessment by 5 percentile points from the 2025–2026 baseline.
- 4) Decrease the percentage of students who are chronically absent (missing 10% or more of the school year) by 5 percentile points from the 2025–2026 baseline as measured by annual attendance records.

Meriwether County School District Goals

- 1) Meriwether County Schools will obtain a 5% increase annually in the percentage of students scoring "DEVELOPING -or- Higher" on the 2027 Georgia Milestones through the use of engaging, data-driven, rigorous, evidence-based instruction to meet the needs of all students.
- 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.
- 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 2026-2027 school year.

UES Plan for Shared Student Achievement



How is the Family Engagement Plan reviewed and revised?

Unity Elementary School welcomes parent input and feedback regarding this plan throughout the school year. The plan is posted on the school's website, where parents can review it and submit comments using an online feedback form. All feedback received during the year will be considered when revising the plan for the following school year.

To gather additional input, UES distributes an annual parent survey in both online and paper formats to collect suggestions regarding the plan and the use of parent and family engagement funds. Parents are also encouraged to share feedback during parent meetings, workshops, and school activities throughout the year. In addition, parents may provide suggestions or recommendations directly to the administrative team through email, phone calls, written correspondence, or in-person conversations.

Mission

The Meriwether County Schools is committed to empowering students to aim high, achieve, graduate, and succeed.

Vision

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.

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

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. 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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