



# LOWER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **2023-2024 Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

Lower Creek Elementary School recognizes the critical role of parents in the education of their children. We will promote and support parent involvement and family engagement in student learning and achievement at school and at home and encourage successful progress toward graduation. Each parent is encouraged to learn about the educational program, the educational goals and objectives of the school system and school, and his or her own child's progress.

The CCS Board of Education directs each school to develop a parental involvement component as a part of the School Improvement Plan. Our LCES Parent and Family Engagement Policy aligns with the main components in the CCS Parent and Family Engagement Policy, as stated below. The areas in ***italics*** are some examples of how LCES incorporates each component, but is not limited to these examples. This plan is to be designed as a living document and can be revised at any time, but must be reviewed each year, in conjunction with the continuous School Improvement Plan (SIP).

### ***Meaningful two-way communication between home and school***

Daily communication, homework folders, parent phone calls, emails, and parent/teacher conferences are forms of two-way communication. School Facebook, Blackboard Connect (auto call, email, text), LCES website, and Talking Points are additional forms of communication.

### ***Promotion of responsible parenting***

Informational flyers, community resources, and positive phone calls contribute to the promotion of positive parenting. Additional resources are available from Student Support Staff.

### ***Involvement of parents and guardians in student learning***

Open House, Grade Level Parent meetings, Title 1 parent nights (STEM, Reading, and Math parent nights), PTA sponsored events/meetings, and student performances and awards.

### ***Promotion of volunteering***

PTA Volunteer Coordinator, PTA Committees, School Tutor/Reading Buddy, Guest Speaker(s)

### ***Involvement of parents and guardians in school decisions that affect children and families***

PTA Executive Board meetings and planning sessions, PTA meetings, SIT parent representation, parent surveys/questionnaires throughout the school year

### ***Parental training***

Open House, Parent nights (academics/instructional), Family Nights, Individualized community resources available through: School Counselor, School Nurse, School Social Worker, School Psychologist, District Behavior Specialist (Student Support Team)

### ***Community collaboration***

LCES has designated school and faith-based business partners and additional local businesses that provide services or resources when needed. Our PTA often works with local businesses to help support PTA events and to gain volunteers. Local service organizations provide individual student, grade level, and school wide supports, and volunteer work throughout the school year. These organizations include Lenoir Kiwanis, Lenoir Rotary, and the Altrusa Club.

### ***Promotion of student health awareness***

LCES is fortunate to have access to a school nurse that works with students, teachers, PTA, outside agencies, and parents for the benefit and welfare of our students. Along with appropriate staff, she facilitates medical contacts and/or appointments. Information is provided to families of school, district, and community health events. We promote healthy living (diet, exercise, rest) and encourage our parents to do the same...moving bodies make sharper minds!

It is our thought that parent involvement is not simply measured by what one can provide during the school day, but the level of support and open communication with the school at all times makes our team complete and supports our school vision:

**Learning (Parents + Teachers + Students) + Character Equals Success!**