

2023-24 Parent and Family Engagement Policy:

The focus for the 2023-24 school year is to continue our long tradition of being a welcoming, friendly environment by taking time to get to know our new families. Parents and students new to the area visit Ethridge each school year and choose our school as the place they want their child to be . We host a series of parent engagement events in the evenings and are increasing the number of opportunities students will have to perform for their parents.

Our first effort each year to include parents in the educational and decision-making process started with the invitation to all parents who were interested in joining Ethridge's Building Leadership Team (BLT). We have had 5 parents join this year. We also invite ALL parents to review the Parent Family Engagement Policy (PFEP) from the previous year and email input or at BLT or if in attendance at Family Feedback Friday to give input for the current year.

During the first BLT planning meeting, parents give input on our CNA (Campus Needs Assessment) to help create this year's CIP (Campus Improvement Plan) goals and what they would like to see incorporated into the CIP, in addition to what they would like to add/edit pertaining to Parent and Family Engagement. Our parents on the 2023-24 BLT committee and during FFF said they wanted to meet and connect with each other at school and outside of school to help foster that sense of belonging and community. They also said they would love to participate in a Spring Family Engagement night.

Ethridge, in connection with our PTA, has calendared a series of Family Engagement evening events, in addition to each grade level having a performance or academic presentations that parents would be invited to. We look forward to also incorporating a Carnival this Spring. We also are trying to book The Perot Museum and Mathnasium for a Family Engagement Math/Science Night in the Spring.

This is a living document and input on how to better engage/connect with our families and involve them in the educational process is welcome at any point during the year to include in the next year's policy.