



**“My vision for family engagement is ambitious...I want to have too many parents demanding excellence in their schools. I want all parents to be real partners in education with their children’s teachers, from cradle to career. In this partnership, students and parents should feel connected—and teachers should feel supported. When parents demand change and better options for their children, they become the real accountability backstop for the educational system.”**

-Arne Duncan, U.S Secretary of Education

## **EastSide Early Learning Academy Family Partnership Agreement and Expectations**

Dear Parents and Families,

The Early Learning Academy is committed to collaborating with your family in order to provide consistency between home and school environments. The greater sense of consistency that your student feels in his or her life, the more likely he or she is to have the opportunity to succeed in school. Although the Early Learning Academy keeps the care and safety of your child as our top priority, we are not a day care. Our program implements a rigorous curriculum that is concentrated on the development of your child physically, cognitively, linguistically and socially. **Research shows that the first five years of a child’s life are developmentally the most important.** We, along with your help and advocacy, are steadfast in our commitment to give your student every opportunity to thrive. Our goal is to send your students to the K-12 school system prepared to succeed as hardworking students and compassionate people.

It is of the utmost importance to us that we establish a partnership with you and your family in order to provide the best services for your student and family, as well as to strengthen the sense of community that sets the EastSide Early Learning Academy apart from other programs. We believe that the best way to serve our children and our community is to have a strong set of values that promotes an unwavering commitment to our children and our future. **Over fifty years of research links the various roles that families play in a child’s education—as supporters of learning, encouragers of grit and determination, models of lifelong learning, and advocates of proper programming and placements for their child. We cannot do it without your support.**

*The following statements surround your commitment to our program and your understanding of the procedures and policies that keep our program running at the highest level of quality.*

-I am willing to work with EastSide in the following ways:

- Keep my family’s information up to date (phone numbers, addresses, medications, etc.) **All information about families is confidential.**
- Communicate any changes or significant events to EastSide that may affect my child.

- I understand the importance of consistent attendance and the possible consequences of chronic absences.

- I am willing to attend and participate in the Students Growth Conferences with my student’s teacher three times a year: **Fall, Winter and Spring.**

-I understand that the information provided in the Weekly Bulletin is my responsibility to know and plan for (including closings, important dates and activities, etc.)

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_