



Family Engagement Policy

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents and guardians in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning, social and emotional well-being, and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- (C) Parents and families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

We are committed to our students receiving a quality education in the least restrictive environment (LRE) that will make possible growth for the whole child and allow for partnerships between the home and school community. We are here to support the students, families, and school to work together for the best possible education for each student. We promote this growth through data-driven decision making, maintaining positive relationships, and having a rigorous curriculum that is tailored to meet the needs of each student. We believe that parents play an integral role in their child's education thus, it is important that parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's experience at school.

OVERVIEW:

The school will:

- Collaborate with parents, teachers, school administrators, and community partners to develop a school strategic plan, special programs, and community engagement, and provide an opportunity for families to participate in an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the plan.
- Provide opportunities for families to submit any comments on the strategic plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between families and school staff in the language that family members can understand. This two-way communication will occur in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, school visits, phone calls, emails, newsletters, report cards and parent conferences: virtual and in-person.
- work collaboratively with students, parents, and our community to ensure that our students are able to achieve their full academic potential
- Host regular meetings with our families, to ensure that their needs are being met and their concerns are addressed.
- Create opportunities to involve parents and guardians in the education of their child.

- Conduct ongoing parent outreach to ensure that parents and guardians are actively engaged in their child's education.
- Provide parents with timely information about policies and programs in their home language as well as provide translation of all documents and websites, to enable clear communication between school and home.
- Provide opportunities for regular meetings with families to participate in the decisions relating to their child's education.
- Provide a description and explanation of our curriculum, assessments, and academic standards. This will occur each semester.
- Develop positive relationships and enlist the support of parents to develop a strong system to help ensure academic success for each student.
- Provide materials and training to help families work with their children to improve academic achievement.
- Provide opportunities for reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class as well as to observe classroom activities.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community via our PTA.
- Develop jointly with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.
- Coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Some of these programs include Babies Can't Wait and Parent Advocacy Centers, and more free programming that are accessible to parents and families.