

ARDEN ELEMENTARY



Parent & Family Engagement Policy 2022-2023

The Arden Elementary policy on parent engagement has been developed jointly with, agreed upon with, and distributed to parents of participating children. Arden Elementary has high regard and much respect for the parents of its students and therefore:

- **Involve parents** by inviting identified/selected parents to attend **Arden's Parent Advisory Council** (consisting of School Improvement Council and Parent Teacher Organization members) meetings where they **will serve on committees** to assist in **developing and reviewing** the school-wide plans and the School Improvement Plans.
- **Encourage parents** to complete an annual survey, which will **provide program format**, preferred service delivery techniques methods of **communication with parents**, suggested workshops and seminars **needed by parents to support their efforts** in educating their children. Parents will **actively participate** as Parent Ambassadors in Parents and Family Engagement activities throughout the school year. Parents will **continuously be informed** about the school's progress through **school report cards and notices to parents**.
- **Provide** the coordination of, **technical assistance**, and other support necessary to assist parents in **working with community partners**, planning, and implementing **effective parent involvement activities** (Action Team Planning) to improve **student academic achievement** and school performance through **joint meetings** of other such school organizations, such as School Improvement Council, Parent Teacher Organization, and the Parent Advisory Council. **Workshops and training** may be provided periodically to help parents learn how to **help their children succeed** in school. Arden will also **collaborate with community members**.
- **Develop**, with the assistance of parents, the **School-Parent Compact** that will be used to build **strong and meaningful** parental relationships. This agreement will **establish** how teachers, parents, and students will share the **responsibility for improving** students' academic achievement. **Parent surveys** are sent to all Parent Advisory Council members for input on **programs, training, materials, and functions**.
- **Involve** parents at Arden Elementary through **SIC** (School Improvement Council), **PTO** (Parent Teacher Organization), **CERDEP** (Child Early Reading Development Education Program), **Parent University**, curriculum nights, student-led conferences, **parent-teacher conferences**, career day, **AVID nights**, reading day, and student recognition day/night. Parents are also **informed and encouraged** to participate in **district programs and trainings**.
- **Conduct** an annual evaluation of the **content and effectiveness** of the Family Engagement Policy, through an **analysis of attendance**, parent survey questionnaires and **program evaluation data**. Particular **attention** will be paid to parents who are **economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency**, have limited literacy, or are of **any racial or ethnic minority background**. Also, efforts will be made to **determine** why parents do not participate including barriers, such as: lack of transportation, **absence of child care**, work schedules, unsuitable meeting times or locations, or **lack of interest**. The findings of the annual parent engagement evaluation surveys will be used to **determine what changes** should be made and by whom, so that we can make the parental involvement programs **more effective** and if needed, to revise the **parent involvement policies**.
- **Encourage** parents to be actively involved in **the development** of the Parent Engagement Policy by serving on **planning committees and completing written surveys**. The policy will be **disseminated** to parents during annual Title I meetings, School Improvement Council meetings, and Parent Teacher Organization meetings. The Title I Plan will be **available** in the school's front office, media center, and on the school's website. Parents will be **encouraged to be involved** in all school activities including trainings, activities, workshops, and conferences.

**I have had an opportunity to review and/or provide input
on the 2022-2023 Title 1
Parent and Family Engagement Policy.**

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