



Tanglen Elementary School Family Engagement Plan: 2019-2020 School Year

Tanglen is committed to the goal of providing quality educational experiences for each and every child. We want to establish ongoing partnerships with parents and our community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to support high achievement and high engagement of our children. Parents and families play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success every step along the way. We want our students to know their families and guardians are teaming with the school to help them develop positive skills and traits for successful lives beyond the halls of Tanglen.

Tanglen Elementary School Staff Members are committed to:

- 1. Seeking input from our parents and families as we create, develop and revise our Schoolwide Academic Plan and our Parent Involvement Plan by:**
 - Providing parents and families ongoing opportunities to give input about both our academic plan and our parent involvement plan.
 - Providing parents and families with an opportunity to give input during our annual evaluation meetings each spring.
 - Providing an annual parent survey each year seeking input about our school and parent involvement.

- 2. Convening an annual meeting each fall where the Schoolwide goals and strategies will be shared with our community, along with parent engagement opportunities available at Tanglen.**
 - The Annual Meeting will take place on **Thursday, August 29**, as part of our Open House Event.
 - The presentation will be recorded and put on the Tanglen website so all parents can have access to the information throughout the school year.
 - The principal will present this information to all three Affinity Parent Groups (Hmong, Latinx, and Somali) in the fall to provide more opportunities to interact and ask questions.

- 3. Providing assistance to parents of all Tanglen students to help them understand and access programs offered to engage in their child's education, curriculum and state standards, assessments utilized at Tanglen and, if requested, opportunities to participate in decisions related to their child's education in the following ways:**
 - During Open House/Annual Meeting in the fall.
 - As part of fall Family Nights and parent teacher conferences.
 - By sending home weekly grade level information/updates in backpacks and/or electronically.
 - Linking the Minnesota State Standards to Tanglen's website.

4. Developing a school-parent-student Compact For Success which will outline how parents, school staff and students share responsibility for improved student academic achievement which will be shared at fall conferences.

- 2019-20 Hopkins School District conference dates: October 14 and 15 & February 13 and 14

5. Providing students and families with frequent reports of student progress in the following ways:

- Report Cards (midyear and end of year)
- Providing access to the Parent Portal
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (fall and spring)

6. Providing parents information and resources on how to contact school staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class in the following ways:

- Website
- Weekly Tanglen Update
- Seesaw
- Parent Volunteer Coordinators
- Parent Grade Level Volunteer Representatives

7. Providing school communications, information and school reports, as much as possible, in a language the parents and family members can understand and providing full opportunities for school participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency and parents with children with disabilities.

- Weekly Updates, PTO communications, report cards, Schoolwide Information, Compacts for Success and the Parent Involvement Plan will all be translated into Hmong, Spanish, Somali.
- District Cultural Liaisons will be utilized for specific family outreach.
- Translators will be scheduled for families at conferences.
- Access to Language Line for parent/school communications around individual students.

The Tanglen Elementary parent involvement plan has been developed jointly, and agreed on, with parents of children participating in schoolwide Title I initiatives.

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