



Gatewood Elementary School Parent Involvement Plan: 2019-20 School Year

Gatewood is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this school. We want to establish ongoing partnerships with parents and with our community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to support high achievement and high engagement of our children. We can't do this job alone! 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.

Gatewood Elementary will:

- Seek input from our parents and families as we create, develop and revise our Parent Involvement Plan. We will do this each spring during our annual evaluation of our schoolwide plan. We will also seek parent input on the school's goals and strategies during the planning and review stage of our Schoolwide Plan each year.

We will begin the process of seeking parent input at the March 10, 2020 PTO meeting.

- Convene an annual meeting each fall where the Schoolwide Plan Goals and Strategies will be shared, along with parent engagement opportunities available.

The Gatewood annual meeting will be held on September 19, 2019.

- Will offer flexible meeting times so we can better engage ALL of our families and offer transportation, childcare and translators as needed.

We will provide an update at each PTO meeting throughout the school year.

- Provide assistance to parents of all Gatewood students to help them understand and access the following: Programs offered to engage in their child's education, explanation of the curriculum and state standards, state and local assessments, and if requested, opportunities to participate in decisions related to their child's education.

We will provide assistance to parents at the annual meeting, the spring family involvement event, at monthly PTO meetings, during parent-teacher conferences, through school and classroom teacher communication, and on our school website.

Sharing Responsibility with our families for high student academic achievement:

- Gatewood Elementary will, along with parents, develop a school-parent Compact for Success which will outline how parents, school staff and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

We will start the annual review of the Compact at the March 10, 2020 PTO meeting.

- Conduct parent-teacher-student conferences where the Compact for Success will be shared.

We will share the Compact for Success at parent-teacher conferences on October 14 and 15, 2019.

- Provide students and families with frequent reports of student progress.

Report cards will be sent home in January and June 2020. Teachers will also communicate student progress with families through email messages, phone calls and classroom newsletters.

- Provide parents information on how to contact school staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class.

This information will be shared on Gatewood's website and through our family newsletter, The Gator Gab.

- Provide school communications, information and school reports, as much as possible, in a language the parents and family members can understand. Gatewood will provide full opportunities for school participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, and parents with children with disabilities

We will share information in English and other languages through our newsletter, through email messages, and during PTO meetings. We will use the language line and provide translators at school events and conferences.

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

This parent plan will be in effect for the 2019-2020 school year.

Gatewood Elementary will distribute this plan to all parents at Gatewood Elementary and make it available to the larger community on the school website.

Parents:

Kim Radel
Michelle Kuhl
Jessica Lindblom
Christine Haider

Staff:

Mark French
Chris King
Sarah Sandon
Kay McCarthy
Dawn Lindblom
Kye Nicholls

Jill Bloedorn
Heather Frary
Tracey Benson
Amy Kodet
Karla Anderson