

Iredell Statesville School Family / Community Engagement Policy

Our goal is for each child to have a successful learning experience. For this to happen, it is important that the school staff, the community and families work together.

In order to build a strong partnership between home and school, our schools will provide informational meetings, along with educational family nights throughout the school year. These activities will provide assistance to families in understanding state and district assessments, state curriculum, and strategies for learning. Activities will also focus on student progress and how families and teachers can work together to improve student achievement.

Informational and Educational Opportunities for the district will include:

- Committee of the Whole Meetings – Held the first Monday of each month for families and community members to listen to the Board of Education discuss their monthly business
- Board of Education Meetings – Held the second Monday of each month for families and community members to hear the Board of Education vote on district policies
- Family Title 1 Information Session – District will present information about Title 1 plans and will seek parent input. This session is held in March.

Informational and Educational Opportunities at our schools will include:

- Open House- where parents will meet teachers and be given opportunities to become involved in their child's education.
- Curriculum Night- where teachers talk with families on what is being taught in the classroom and how parents can help students at home.
- Family Literacy Nights- Fun night for families to come out and enjoy reading activities, snacks, cake, and games. (pending)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences- Teachers will hold conferences with parents at least once each semester. One before Thanksgiving Break and one before Spring Break. The progress of the student will be discussed and explained, as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, academic assessment, state's academic content and achievement standards, and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
- Kindergarten Registration- an orientation and overview of kindergarten along with a student screening for upcoming kindergarten families.

Other regularly scheduled school related meeting nights:

- PTO – Each school has a Parent Organization to assist their school with resources and to provide input for improvement.
- Athletic Associations- Each school has an Athletic Association which coordinates elementary school athletics.

Communication between district, school, and home is essential for student success. Communication methods:

- Automated voice messaging informing families of activities and programs
- Outside school signs providing advanced notice of upcoming events
- Monthly school newsletters and grade level newsletters

Families and community members are always welcome at any of our schools. Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in an understandable format and language.