

NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent/Family Engagement Plan

2021-2022

North School believes that a partnership must exist between our parents, our community and our school. We promote positive communication between the school and our students' homes. The school provides a variety of opportunities for parents and community members to be involved through an array of activities. We will provide activities and materials that can successfully be used at home to reinforce academic success for children.

It is our goal to provide an atmosphere where parents are able to express their views and to assist in problem solving. We want parents to understand that we view them as partners in their student's academic success. The following is a list of services and activities that promote parental involvement and provide additional support for student learning:

1. School staff will use a variety of communication strategies to provide information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction(s).

- Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress.
- The school will provide parents with online report cards and/or standard based achievement every trimester
- The school provides an online student handbook, Aeries Parent Portal, an email communication system for parents to contact North school staff and a North School website.

2. The school will schedule/ be available for parent meetings, conferences and activities regularly throughout the year to increase parental involvement and build staff capacity to engage in these types of efforts.

- North School will host Parent Café meetings, where our Parent Liaison and special guests will review and/or present school policies, protocol and provide resources.
- North School will host, 2nd cup of coffee with the Principal: Parents/Guardians will hear from and learn from North's Principal. They will be given time to ask questions and voice their concerns.
- English Language Advisory Committee ELAC: Parents of English Language Learners will receive updates and have a voice in the policies affecting their EL students.
- School Site Council: The council is composed of many members of the North School community. The SSC votes on the School Plan for Student Achievement, emergency plan, budget and many additional agenda items.
- The school will engage parents in the following ways:
 - Library technician/Teacher Librarian
 - Tutoring
 - Multicultural Assemblies
 - Book Fairs
 - DARE Graduation
 - Music Concerts
 - Movie Nights
 - Coffee with the principal

- Trimester Recognition
- Halloween parade
- Family Art Night
- Parent/Guardian Conferences
- ELAC
- Meetings as requested
- PIQE
- Red Ribbon Week
- Back to School Night
- Police Academy
- School Site Council

3. The school will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities, through:

- Programs such as Reading Buddies, tutoring, classroom helpers, assisting with activities, etc.
- Providing a list of volunteer opportunities and soliciting ideas for other types of volunteer efforts such as chaperoning field trips, assisting with movie nights/activity nights and school dances, etc.
 - i. Teachers will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school.

4. North School will work with parents to create a North School-Parent-Student Compact.

- North School provides a School- School Staff-Parent-Student Compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It will provide the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All stakeholders will review, agree to and sign the compact.

5. When are the policies reviewed?

- The parent Involvement policies are reviewed annually with North's School Site Council Committee and North School's ELAC Committee, these are public meetings open to all North families.
- This meeting will discuss Title 1 programs, School Curriculum, and assessment data
- The North Family Engagement plan will be posted on our North School website and a phone message to the community will go out once the plan has been reviewed.