

Kennedy Elementary 2022-2023

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Kennedy Elementary is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. We want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to support high achievement 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 at every step along the way.

This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on May 26, 2022. Please reach out to Kristin Dresler at dreslerk@willmar.k12.mn.us or 320-214-6688 if you have questions about the opportunities below or want to provide feedback on this plan.

Partnering with Families	
We will involve parents in the planning and review of our Title I plan and how we spend our Title I funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will encourage family input in our Family Engagement plan. <input type="checkbox"/> We will involve families in the planning and review of the school improvement plan. <input type="checkbox"/> We will involve families in the development of the schoolwide Title I plan. <input type="checkbox"/> We will invite families to participate in creating and reviewing our plan. <input type="checkbox"/> We will share the plan with our school community.
We will inform families about our Title I program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will invite parents to an annual meeting where we share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Information about the Title I program. <input type="checkbox"/> Information about the requirements of parent and family engagement. <input type="checkbox"/> Information about the rights and responsibilities of families to be involved. <input type="checkbox"/> We will share this information on our school website.
<p>How/when will we do this?</p> <p>Information about the Title 1 program will be shared at our Family Meetings on September 6-7, 2022. We will have an information sheet available as well as the Title 1 Teacher there to answer questions. Information regarding Title 1 will also be provided at our Fall conferences.</p> <p>Parents will have the opportunity to offer input into our Family engagement Plan in both the Fall Conferences and in the Spring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fall Conferences: October 17-19, 2022 	

- Spring Family Night: March 7, 2023

Shared Responsibility for High Student Academic Achievement

<p>Parents, the entire school staff and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement to meet the state academic standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> With the involvement of families, a compact will be created or revised. <input type="checkbox"/> This compact will be shared with families at conferences.
<p>We will build the capacity of families to support their children's academic achievement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will help families understand the state academic standards and state and local academic assessments. <input type="checkbox"/> We will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children.
<p>We will build the capacity of our school staff to increase family engagement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will describe the curriculum and instruction that help their student meet the state standards, identify where their child is performing and discuss ways the parent can support their child's education at home and at school.
<p>We believe in the importance of ongoing communication between families and school staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning of the year meetings will take place with each family. <input type="checkbox"/> Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice a year. <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers will communicate student progress to families throughout the year. <input type="checkbox"/> We will provide information on how to contact staff and learn how staff can best contact families. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide information about how families can volunteer at the school.

How/when will we do this?

The compact will be looked at and reviewed in the spring.

Testing information will be given to parents and guardians at conferences. Test schedule information will also be posted online.

Families will be supported with the learning needs of their students during conferences, via newsletters, through Remind, and events at Kennedy Elementary.

- Fall Conferences - October 17,18, 19
- Spring Conferences - February 14, 16, 17
- Family Event–March 7, 2023
- Staff contact information is available on the Kennedy Elementary web page.
- The school-parent compact will be discussed at conferences –October, 2022.
- STAR testing results will be shared at conferences-October, 2022.
- Progress reports will be sent home quarterly.

- Our testing schedule will be posted on our website.

Communication and Access

All families should have equitable access to information from school.

- We will offer flexible meeting times.
- Whenever possible, communication will be shared in the family's preferred language.

How/when will we do this?

Kennedy Elementary offers translators for multiple languages. All school communication is translated for the languages represented.

Campus calls are translated into Spanish and Somali.

Remind App translates communication for families into their language.