

2023-2024 Gardners Elementary Family Engagement Policy

Gardners Elementary School (GES) is dedicated to the success of each student in our care. The faculty and staff of Gardners believe that parents are the most important partners for our teachers and staff in the education of their children. We believe that parent involvement is essential to the success of each child, and we will work in collaboration with parents and guardians to actively support our parents and PTO in order to enhance parent involvement through:

- Respecting parents as partners in the education of their children
- Setting high expectations for excellent customer (student/parent) service
- Expecting high student achievement for all students
- Promoting parent involvement in site-based leadership and decision-making
- Fostering a welcoming and responsive environment for all parents
- Establishing and promoting communication as a source of trust and understanding across our school community

At Gardners Elementary, we expect parents/guardians to be involved in their children's learning and education by:

- Respecting our teachers and supporting the Gardners Elementary staff as partners in the education of their children
- Utilizing ongoing communication with Gardners' staff on the instruction, achievement, and conduct of their children
- Participating in site-based leadership and decision-making
- Actively volunteering at Gardners Elementary

Opportunities for Family Engagement & Involvement

The Gardners Elementary Leadership Team will facilitate parent involvement by providing opportunities for parents to be informed, aware, and active participants in the education of their children through:

GES Communication Practices

- Wednesday Weekly Folders
- Student & Family Handbook
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Social Media: school website, Facebook
- Class Dojo
- Teachers' email and website communications
- School Phone Messenger System (weekly Sunday messages)

- School Marquee messages

GES Student- Family Events & Activities

- Open House
- Parent Academy Events
- Book Fairs
- Music Programs
- STEM Family Night
- Classroom Parties
- Volunteering
- Field Trip Chaperone