



## Margaret Hearne Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Policy



Margaret Hearne Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Policy is intended to engage parents in ongoing and meaningful communication about student academic learning and other school activities ensuring parents and families:

1. play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
2. become actively involved in their child's education; and
3. become full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Margaret Hearne Elementary believes that the education of children is a cooperative effort between parents and schools. Parents and family members are their children's first teachers and involvement improves the educational achievement of their children. We believe that the involvement of family increases the effectiveness of the program and contributes significantly to the success of the children. The Margaret Hearne School staff will strive to involve parents in activities throughout the school year.

Margaret Hearne Elementary School is a school-wide Title I school. This means we receive federal money to be used for all students to improve their educational achievement. We invite parents to give input into the development of their children's instruction programs. Input is solicited through surveys, school level meetings, and phone calls. Parents are invited to confer with teachers and administrators. Parents are asked to be active members of various committees at both the school and county level. Parent workshops are held throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to serve as volunteers in school activities.

Communication to promote parental involvement includes:

- Student handbook
- School-Parent-Student Compact
- Weekly communication log
- Wednesday folders sent home
- Notes/letters sent to parents
- Notification of student progress every 4 ½ and 9 week mark
- Phone communication
- Class Dojo
- Written and phone messages soliciting volunteers and committee members
- Facebook
- PTO meetings
- Curriculum nights
- Music programs
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Annual Title One Meeting
- Parent Academy