

INTERIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2024-2025

WHAT IS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT?

Family Engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other activities, including that:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- Parents are 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.

OBJECTIVES

1. Kadoka Area Schools will work to help parents and families feel safe and comfortable in our schools.
2. Kadoka Area Schools will implement strategies to increase parent and family involvement in their children's education.
3. Kadoka Area Schools will inform and educate parents and families about the school curriculum and standards.

STRATEGIES

1. Create a District/School Family Engagement Committee
2. Increase the number of positive parent-teacher contacts
3. Communicate & utilize the SD Family Engagement Toolkit (<http://doe.sd.gov/title/toolkit/>)

INFORMATION TO PARENTS

Interior Elementary School will provide families with information at the fall and spring conferences about our school wide Title I funding and how ALL students can benefit from the opportunities offered. Other information shared could include:

- Title I participation and an explanation of the Parent Involvement Plan
- Examples of how to help a child become a better student at home.
- Information on the importance of the role of parents in a child's education.
- Explanation of the School-Parent compact.

An annual meeting will be convened to inform parents of the Title I Program and their right to be involved. This meeting is held during the annual back to school night.

Other opportunities for meetings related to their children's education include:

- Open House
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Monthly School Board meetings
- Parent Activity nights
- Data Retreat
- Classroom events

Parents are always welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan at any time on the school district website or by submitting written or verbal comments to the school personnel.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

All parents are invited to attend meeting opportunities described in this section to share their ideas and suggestions to help our district, our schools and our students to reach our student academic achievement goals.

During our annual Back to School nights at our schools, all parents were invited to participate and provide suggestions and ideas to improve our school and our district. Notices about these meetings will be sent home by flyer to all parents before the meeting. School web pages will also have this information.

Interior Elementary will host parent engagement events in the fall months. Parents and family members are invited to participate in discussions to review the family engagement plan. Parents will also learn more about our curriculum in Literacy and Mathematics. Invitations will be sent home by email and by flyer notifying parents of the time and date.

The district parent and family engagement plan are posted on district and school websites and the Kadoka Area School District Facebook page. Copies of district and school family engagement plans are available at our district office and each school. Parents are always welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan. All parents are welcome to attend Leadership Meetings. Parents and family members are invited to participate in discussions to review the family engagement plan at the Leadership Team Meetings. Please contact district principals for schedules.

CURRICULUM/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Interior Elementary School will follow the South Dakota State Standards in the development of the school's curriculum. A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school as well as forms of academic assessment used to measure progress and proficiency levels are available to parents through:

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Scheduled appointments
- Parent portal (campus portal)
- School Board meetings
- District/School meetings
- School website (Are the common core standards on the website or listed anywhere for the parents?)

BUILD CAPACITY OF SCHOOL & PARENTS FOR STRONG PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The Kadoka Area Schools will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong family engagement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and family members and to support a strong partnership among the Title I schools, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following district wide activities and programs.

Parents

The Kadoka Area Schools will work as a district and through its schools to help parents understand state and district academic information connected to their student's learning and progress. We will hold sessions for parents to gain knowledge about the challenging state academic standards -*South Dakota State Assessment, local academic assessments like NWEA MAPS* as well as classroom *formative assessments* and any *alternative assessments* provided to any of our students.

Parents can access information about the schools' curriculum by viewing the Parent Resources tab on the Kadoka Area School District Website. The Kadoka Area School District will provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment. Our staff at all our schools were trained to use research-based instructional strategies that enhance learning. We will continue reviewing student results, teaching strategies, and leadership support to deliver optimal instruction for students.

Resources and materials are available to parents through the Parent & Family Engagement Toolkit which can be found at South Dakota Department of Education at <http://doe.sd.gov/title/toolkit/>.

Student/Parent/Teacher conferences will be held two times a year. Report Cards are sent home with students in elementary school, four times a year and two times per year for Middle school and High School. These are always available to parents upon request. Parents and students have access to all grades by checking the Infinite Campus Portal on the Kadoka Area School District website.

We encourage parents to become involved in their child's classroom activities by volunteering and participating in their student's class. School visits provide an opportune time for parents to become acquainted with the school environment and staff members at each school.

School Staff

The Kadoka Area School District is committed to training staff members to learn and discuss strategies to increase family engagement, improve school-family communication, and build ties with parents and community. Each school will host training for appropriate school staff and faculty that will focus on creating welcoming environments and improving two-way communication with families.

The KASD will inform and train staff in the SD Parent & Family Engagement Toolkit which can be found at South Dakota Department of Education at <http://doe.sd.gov/title/toolkit/>.

PARENT COMPACT

Interior Elementary School has jointly developed with parents, a School-Parent Compact. This written compact identifies how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement.

COORDINATE PARENT INVOLVEMENT WITH OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The Kadoka Area School District will coordinate and integrate family engagement programs with preschool programs in the district including Head Start. The district and school will provide parents with information that will help with transition from preschool to district schools and from school to school.

ANNUAL EVALUATION

Each year, the Kadoka Area School District will send home a survey for parents to provide input. The survey will contain questions related to the school environment. Parents will be given the option to complete the survey via paper copy or electronically. These surveys will be used to develop school improvement strategies and revise the district and school Parent and Family Engagement Plans. We will continuously implement strategies for more effective family engagement.

Each May at the annual data retreat, Kadoka Area Schools will evaluate the content and effectiveness of this parent and family engagement plan and family engagement activities to improve our schools' academic quality.

ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements established by Section 1116 of the ESSA, the school administration will ensure full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

The Kadoka Area School District will distribute this Parent Engagement Plan to all parents. Access is also available on the school's website <https://www.kadoka.k12.sd.us>.

***When schools, families and communities work together to support learning,
Children tend to do better in school,
Stay in school longer and
Enjoy school more.***