

The Family Engagement Plan (FEP) is organized into four impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school developed this plan together.

Welcoming Environment	
<p>Our school has staff member(s) available for families to discuss this plan and ask questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family and Community Liaison: J.T. Quintero (651) 744-1647
<p>Our school communicates with families in many ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All student work and important papers come home in a Friday Folder ● Our monthly newsletter is full of important information for families. The Family Newsletter goes home on the first Friday of each month in Friday Folders and by email. ● Texts are used to remind families of important events and email is used to send home flyers and other information about our school and community. ● When families call, email, or send a note, we do our best to respond within 48 hours.
<p>The achievement gap, or rather the “opportunity gap,” between students of color and white students in Saint Paul Public Schools is unacceptable. Our school is working to change practices and systems by identifying the barriers that make it harder for students of color to succeed and for their families to support their learning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For more about our work on racial equity, contact: Principal Nicky Napierala at (651) 293-8685.
<p>Transitions between schools can be challenging, and we work to help families as their children start and leave our school.</p>	<p>For new students and families, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Having an Open House/Meet the Teacher Night the Thursday before the first day of school. ● Collaborate with nearby pre-schools and daycares so their soon to be Pre-Schoolers and Kindergartners can experience the classroom setting. ● Offering a school tour to all new and potential families. <p>For students and families moving to the next school in their pathway, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connecting with the student’s new counselor, social worker, case manager, or administrator to share information as needed. ● Secondary schools: Middle school preparation classes and meetings lead by our school counselors.

Family Partnerships

<p>Our school-parent compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families, and students. Families and teachers work together to develop the compact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies of the compact are available: At the front desk and at all Family Day Events. ● The compact will be updated: Fall of 2025
<p>There are many opportunities for families to build connections to the school and to each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title I Annual Meeting where we will share information about school programs ● Regular parent meetings, family nights, family days, etc. ● National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) will be on Monday, February 10th, 2025. ● Home Visits - Parent Teacher Home Visits, if school has teachers who are participating ● Parent Teacher Conferences and Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)
<p>We work to make these meetings and events available for every family in the school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We do our best to send all flyers, newsletters, and invitations home in multiple languages. ● We provide childcare at APTT. ● We provide in person interpreters at APTT and Parent Teacher Conferences.
<p>Our school supports families as advocates and provides opportunities for parent leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you feel comfortable doing so, please reach out to your student's classroom teacher if you have concerns about your child's learning. ● If you'd like to speak with someone else, please contact the Vento Principal Nicky Napierala or Assistant Principal David Mrozek by calling (651) 293-8685. ● Please consider attending a Family Day event or a Vento Parent meeting to voice any concerns.

Teaching and Learning

<p>Our school shares information about state standards, assessment and student achievement with families in multiple ways</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report cards are distributed through Campus and SpEd progress reports are generated by case managers and sent home during conferences or can be printed at other times for families by request. ● Parent-Teacher conferences are held: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wednesday November 6th 4pm-7pm - Thursday November 7th 4pm-7pm - Friday November 8th 8am-12pm - Wednesday March 26th 4pm-7pm - Thursday March 27th 4pm-7pm - Friday March 28th 8am-12pm ● APTT - Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) for PreK, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will be on Thursday October 10th, Thursday February 6th, and Thursday May 1st at 5pm. ● STEM Night and Literacy Night ● Please reach out to your students classroom teacher to find out how you can help build reading skills at home if your student is not reading at grade level. ● Elementary Schools: Reach out to your students classroom teacher to find out if your student is reading at grade level.
<p>Our school will engage in personalized learning as a key strategy to accelerate student achievement. Parents can get more information using many tools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent log-in information can be accessed at spps.org/onestop or by asking the school clerk ● iPads stay at school unless we believe there may be school canceled the next day so student have their iPads for virtual learning. ● Schoology and/or Seesaw may be used by classroom teachers use to post work and give academic feedback.
<p>Many before- and after-school enrichment and support opportunities are available for students</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vento EDL (Extended Day Learning) partners with the YMCA Beacons program to provide afterschool enrichment Monday-Thursday 2pm-4pm with two days of academic programming and 2 days of enrichment.

Community Partnerships

Our school develops community partnerships to provide additional support for students and their families through our Achievement Plus program.

- Wilder School Based Therapy
- YMCA Beacons
- SMRLS – Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
- Family Values for Life
- Every Meal
- Children’s Dental Services
- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
- St. Paul Parks and Rec.
- St. Paul Public Library

This plan is available as part of our school’s SCIP, or School Comprehensive Improvement Plan at spps.org/scip, is on our school website at school.spps.org , and printed copies are available in the office.