



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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What is Title I?

Elolf STEAM Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. A Title I program must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents a written parental involvement policy.



OUR MISSION:

Elolf STEAM Academy is creating innovative students from diverse backgrounds to become critical thinkers and visionaries through collaborative learning, with real-world problem-solving skills, while motivating them to adapt and find innovative solutions to local and global challenges.

OUR VISION:

Elolf STEAM Academy is producing confident, productive lifelong learners.

GOALS:

- Effective Instruction
- Involving Families and Communities
- Positive School Culture
- Leadership
- Customer Service

SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

This is a plan that describes how Elolf STEAM Academy will provide opportunities to improve parent's engagement to support student learning. We value contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Elolf STEAM Academy will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

Elolf STEAM Academy invites parents to attend our annual meeting in September to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school-wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.



School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Eolf STEAM Academy and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on the feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the campus meeting.



Parental Involvement

Eolf STEAM Academy believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring:

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

Eolf STEAM Academy is committed to keeping our parents informed and actively involved.

Eolf STEAM Academy is Branching Out!

Eolf Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school, to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Share information with parents about the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with families and the community on a regular basis regarding parent programs, meetings, school-wide events, and activities, through PT Board, social media, flyers and included in the call out messages to parents.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Provide opportunities for parents to enhance their knowledge on various instructional strategies and learn about the curriculum.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

School Community Team

Eolf STEAM Academy invites you to join the Site Based Decision Making Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the front office at 210-661-1130 or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office.





Site-Based Decision-Making Team

Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Site Based Decision Making Team

Please contact me so I can learn more joining the SBDM Team

Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
