

Zanewood 2024-2025

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Zanewood Community STEAM School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. We want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to support high achievement of our children. We can't do this job alone. Parents and families play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way.

This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on 5/16/2024. Please reach out to Amy Loken at lokena@district279.org or 763-549-2447 if you have questions about the opportunities below or want to provide feedback on this plan.

Partnering with Families	
We will involve parents in the planning and review of our Title I plan and how we spend our Title I funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will look at family input as a part of our Family Engagement plan. <input type="checkbox"/> We will involve families in the planning and review of the school improvement plan. <input type="checkbox"/> We will involve families in the development of the schoolwide Title I plan. <input type="checkbox"/> We will invite families to participate in creating and reviewing our plan. <input type="checkbox"/> We will share the plan with our school community.
We will inform families about our Title I program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will invite parents to an annual meeting where we share: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Information about the Title I program. <input type="checkbox"/> Information about the requirements of parent and family engagement. <input type="checkbox"/> Information about the rights and responsibilities of families to be involved. <input type="checkbox"/> We will share this information on our school website.
How/when will we do this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open House/Fall Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ August 28, 2024; 4:00-5:30 pm ● National African-American Family Involvement Day/Family Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 10, 2025; 8:15-9:15 am

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At each STEAM event we will have Title I information readily available for families to ask questions and get involved with our programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Engineering Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ September 28, 2024; 5:00-6:30 pm ○ Winter Engineering Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ January 2025, 5:00-6:30 pm ○ STEAMFest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ May 22, 2025; 5:00-6:30 pm <p>This information will be shared with families during our conferences.</p>
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Shared Responsibility for High Student Academic Achievement	
Parents, the entire school staff and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement to meet the state academic standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> With the involvement of families, a compact will be created or revised. <input type="checkbox"/> This compact will be shared with families at conferences.
We will build the capacity of families to support their children’s academic achievement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will help families understand the state academic standards and state and local academic assessments. <input type="checkbox"/> We will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children.
We will build the capacity of our school staff to increase family engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will describe the curriculum and instruction that help their student meet the state standards, identify where their child is performing and discuss ways the parent can support their child’s education at home and at school.
We believe in the importance of ongoing communication between families and school staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice a year. <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers will communicate student progress to families throughout the year. <input type="checkbox"/> We will provide information on how to contact staff and learn how staff can best contact families. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide information about how families can volunteer at the school.
How/when will we do this?	<p>Fall Conferences</p> <p>Oct 8 8:00-9:00 AM & 4:00-7:00 PM</p>

	<p>Oct 10 (virtual) 8:00-9:00 AM & 4:00-7:00 PM</p> <p>Oct 14 8:00-9:00 AM & 4:00-7:00 PM</p> <p>Spring Conferences</p> <p>Feb 20 8:00-9:00 AM & 4:00-7:00 PM</p> <p>Feb 24 (virtual) 8:00-9:00 AM & 4:00-7:00 PM</p> <p>Feb 26 8:00-9:00 AM & 4:00-7:00 PM</p>
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Communication and Access

All families should have equitable access to information from school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> We will offer flexible meeting times with virtual options. <input type="checkbox"/> Whenever possible, communication will be shared in the family's preferred language.
How/when will we do this?	Zanewood will use Talking Points, Seesaw, Facebook, PeachJar, and Family STEAM Newsletters to communicate important information to families that will be accessible in multiple languages in addition to traditional forms of communication including parent meetings, flyers, and email. This will be done for all school/STEAM related events.