



Cole Elementary School
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
2023-2024 School Year

Parents are Partners at Cole Elementary

Parental involvement is critical to the educational success of children. Parents are very influential in helping their children achieve high academic standards. When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children are successful and schools improve. You, as parents, are partners in your child's education and are encouraged to be actively involved. Listed below are ways in which parental involvement is offered at Cole Elementary.

Communication with Parents

- The Cole Staff will welcome each student to Cole Elementary. Families will be notified of their student's teacher and classroom before the first day of school.
- Parents are contacted in their native language, regarding positive and negative actions of their children.
- A Family/School Compact is provided to parents, teachers, and students.
- Parents are informed of the school curriculum and expected proficiency levels by receiving copies of the State Academic Standards, progress reports, report cards, MAP Scores, and TNReady reports.
- The marquee in front of school, newsletters, a school-wide call-out system, the school's website and Facebook are utilized in English, Spanish, and other languages to relay important information.

Meeting with Parents

- The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) was developed in to connect with a large, diverse group of parent in order to have parent's voices heard.
- A Title I Annual Meeting and Open House are held to welcome parents and students and to provide information about our school and the Title I Program, including requirements of the program and parent rights.
- Reasonable and necessary expenses to involve parents may be paid for with Title I funds.

- Parent workshops, such as Coffee Talk/Cafecitos, Parent Trainings, and Family Academic Nights, are scheduled throughout the year to equip parents to teach their children at home. The times of these vary for parents' convenience.
- Parent Conferences are scheduled at varied times of the day in November between teachers and parents with interpreters available as needed.

Active Parent Participation

- Parent Involvement programs will be advertised through callouts, social media, newsletters, flyers, and the outside marquee.
- Parents are invited to attend to volunteer with activities such as Festivals, Thanksgiving lunch, Field Day, Book Fair, and PTO events..
- Parents are involved in writing and implementing the Parent School Compact and the School Improvement Plan.
- Our fifth graders moving to Middle School will be given a tour of the Middle School to meet with the counselors to start the transition.
- Every Spring, Pre-K and Head Start students will tour Cole Elementary to see what it is like to be a Kindergartener.
- We provide workshops that help equip in Family Engagement, College and Career, Health and Wellness, and Social Services and Adult Development.