Decker Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2025-2026

Decker Elementary (DES) recognizes the essential role of families in fostering academic success and personal growth for all students. Our Parent and Family Engagement Policy aims to create a collaborative partnership between families and the school by providing resources, support, and opportunities for meaningful involvement.

Our Commitment to Supporting Families

The DES Parent Liaison is here to empower and assist families by:

1. Facilitating Communication: Ensuring clear, consistent, and timely information sharing between families and the school.

2. Providing Resources and Referrals: Connecting families to community services such as healthcare, food assistance, and housing support.
3. Organizing Workshops and Trainings: Offering sessions on child development, academic success, and parenting skills.
4. Navigating School Challenges: Assisting with special education services, behavioral concerns, and other school-related matters.
5. Encouraging Family Involvement: Promoting participation in parent-teacher conferences, school committees, and other decision-making processes.
6. Advocating for Students: Helping families communicate their children's needs effectively and ensuring their voices are heard.
7. Promoting Inclusivity: Supporting cultural awareness and responsiveness to the diverse backgrounds of our families
8. Fostering Relationships: Building trust and creating a welcoming environment for all families

Ways Families Can Support Learning

Families play a vital role in their children's education by:

1. Establishing a Routine for Learning: Creating consistent schedules for study and homework.
2. Creating a Supportive Environment: Providing a quiet, organized space for learning activities.
3. Maintaining Open Communication: Regularly discussing academic progress and challenges with teachers.
4. Encouraging a Love for Reading: Reading together, exploring books, and promoting literacy as a daily habit.
5. Monitoring Academic Progress: Tracking assignments, tests, and school projects to set achievable goals.
6. Providing Positive Reinforcement: Celebrating successes and encouraging resilience through praise and support.
7. Setting High Expectations: Fostering a culture of effort, persistence, and the value of education.
8. Participating in School Activities:

Encouraging Active Participation

We invite families to take an active role in our school community by:

- Attending workshops and training tailored to family needs.
- Joining committees and providing input on school policies and programs.
- Partnering with teachers to support student achievement

At DES, we believe in working together to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed. By fostering strong partnerships with families, we create a school environment where all students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.For additional support or questions, please contact:

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