

Shepherd Elementary School Parent Engagement Policy

2025-26

Our goal is for each child to have a successful learning experience. For this to happen, it is important that the school staff, the community, and families work together. In order to build a strong partnership between home and school. We will provide informational meetings, along with educational family nights, and family involvement activities throughout the school year. These activities will provide assistance to parents in understanding state and district assessments, state curriculum, and strategies for learning while having opportunities to form relationships with other parents, teachers, and . Activities will also focus on student progress and how parents and teachers will work together to improve student achievement.

Informational and Educational Nights and Family Involvement Opportunities scheduled for 2025-26 include:

- Open House- where parents will meet teachers and be given opportunities to become involved in their child's education.
- Title I Information Meeting for parents (8/28)
- Instructional Information Nights for parents: 9/11 Curriculum Night (what students need to know by the end of the year) and 2/19 Test No Stress Parent Student Night Success
- Family Nights- Book Fair extended hours opportunities, Winterfest, movie night, BINGO for books
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - Teachers will hold conferences with parents at least once each semester. The progress of the student will be discussed and explained. In addition we will cover the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, academic assessment, and achievement standards.
- Kindergarten Registration- An orientation and overview of kindergarten along with a student screening for upcoming students will be completed.
- PTO - The PTO has open PTO meetings for all parents (8/28, 11/4, 2/17, and 4/21). All meetings start at 5:30 in our cafeteria. We also offer virtual access if you are unable to attend in person.

Communication between school and home is essential for student success. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, ideas, or concerns.