

Garden Villas Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

School Year 2025–2026

At Garden Villas Elementary School, a proud music magnet school, we recognize that families are essential partners in student success. In accordance with Title I, Part A requirements, we are committed to developing and implementing a Parent and Family Engagement Policy that ensures families have meaningful opportunities to participate in their child's education and to engage with the unique music programs and opportunities our magnet school provides. Parents and families will be included in the development, review, and improvement of both this policy and the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan through surveys, meetings, and family events that welcome diverse perspectives. Each year, the school will hold an annual Title I meeting to inform families about our participation in Title I, Part A, explain program requirements, and outline parents' rights to be involved. To encourage strong participation, meetings will be offered at flexible times and information will be shared in multiple ways.

We believe that student achievement is a shared responsibility among the school, families, and students. To support this, School-Parent Compacts will be developed that clearly describe how each partner contributes to academic success, and families will be encouraged to take part in setting goals and reviewing progress. In addition, the school will provide workshops, resources, and information sessions to equip families with strategies to support learning at home. Staff will receive training on effective communication and culturally responsive family engagement, and materials will be provided in families' preferred languages whenever possible. As a music magnet, we are especially committed to providing families with opportunities to connect with and celebrate our specialized programs, which include choir, band, orchestra, piano, and general music. Families will be invited to attend performances, showcase nights, and music-related learning opportunities, helping strengthen the bond between home, school, and our magnet theme. The school will also coordinate parent and family engagement activities with other programs, including Pre-K, ESL, and Special Education, to create a seamless and supportive learning experience for every child.

Accessibility and inclusivity are central to our commitment. We will strive to remove barriers to engagement by ensuring that all families, including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, or other challenges, have equal access to information and opportunities to participate. Each year, the school will evaluate the content and effectiveness of this policy using surveys, focus groups, and feedback from family events to identify strengths, address barriers, and guide future improvements.

At Garden Villas Elementary School, we are dedicated to building and sustaining strong partnerships with parents and families. As a music magnet school, we celebrate the diversity, creativity, and opportunities that come from our shared love of music, and together we will support the academic achievement, social-emotional growth, and lifelong success of every student we serve.