

**Kate Bond Elementary
Family Engagement Plan
2025-2026**

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** The Family Engagement Plan signature page supports this document being jointly developed.**

Kate Bond's administrators, faculty, and staff endorse the concept that parental involvement is essential in improving the quality of education for all entrusted to our care. Our Family Engagement Plan at Kate Bond was developed jointly with our parents. Our goal is to prepare parents to be knowledgeable of the skills and information needed to help their children to be successful in school.

Kate Bond Elementary School pledges to eliminate barriers to parental involvement in the following ways:

- Develop jointly with parents a written school level Family Engagement Plan and Parent/Teacher/Student/School Compact showing how parents, school, teachers, and students share responsibilities which are agreed on by parents, distributed, and made available to parents and the local community.
- Involve parents and the local community in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, of the planning, review, implementation and improvement of the following: Parent & Family Engagement Plan, the Parent/Teacher/Student/School Compact, and the School Improvement Plan.
- Involve parents in updating the Family Engagement Plan periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- Disseminate the Family Engagement Plan and Parent/Teacher/Student/School Compact to all students, parents and staff members and acquire all signatures.
- Convene an annual meeting at flexible times and invite all parents to attend in order to explain the components and requirements of a Title I program, the rights of parents to be involved in the school, and volunteer opportunities.
- Provide regular and flexible parent meetings, P.T.O. meetings, and "Family Nights" in the areas of Literacy, Math, and Science.
- Materials and training will be provided to help parents work with their child to improve their achievement in literacy, mathematics, and the use of technology.
- Provide parents with timely information about upcoming school events through the use of weekly newsletters from teacher, Class Dojo, school website, and monthly school wide calendar or newsletter.
- Provide parents opportunities to express ideas, concerns, and suggestions with the principal or any staff member and receive a timely response through a feedback survey administered each quarter.
- Provide parents the opportunity for involvement in decisions relating to the education of their children by participating on the School Leadership Council, volunteer tutoring programs, attending P.T.O. meetings and Family Nights, completing evaluation forms, and responding to surveys.
- Per parent request, provide opportunities for meetings to formulate suggestions and to provide support as well as participate in decisions relating to the education of their children and respond to any suggestions made as soon as possible.
- Provide a parent/student handbook covering school rules, policies, and procedures.
- Encourage parents to observe the school's programs.
- Provide parents information in an understandable format in English, Spanish, and any other language that the parents can understand.
- Staff are educated with the assistance of parents in the value and contributions of parents, and in working with parents, communicating with parents, and working as equal partners, while implementing and coordinating parent programs to build ties between parents and the school.
- A process is in place to submit parent comments on the schoolwide SIP if it is not satisfactory to the parents.
- Assistance is provided to parents in understanding the State's academic standards, State and local academic assessments, how to monitor a child's progress and how to work with educators to improve student achievement for their children.
- Provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information, meetings, school reports and other activities in a language parents can easily understand.
- Hold parent conferences where the progress of the student will be explained and/or discussed. A review of the home/school compact will be a part of those meetings, when applicable.
- Inform parents of a child's progress by sending home the results of universal screeners and benchmark assessments.
- Convene an annual ELL parent meeting where all ELL parents will be given information on assisting their children in attaining English proficiency and in achieving academic success.
- Provide a Parent Resource Center equipped with computers for parent use, along with academic resources that can be checked out for at-home use.

Kate Bond Elementary School will encourage parents to become meaningfully involved and promote the capacity for strong parental involvement in the following ways:

- Attending meetings, programs, workshops, and other school activities.
- Participating in school sponsored parent-teacher conferences.
- Serving on a committee and participating in the decision-making process.
- Responding to memos, surveys, and questionnaires expressing ideas and concerns.
- Serving as a volunteer at the school.
- Ensuring that your child studies at home and completes homework assignments.
- Attending and participating in conferences, workshops and instructional activities to become more educated about the curriculum and assessments surrounding their children's education.
- Host an annual event focused on early post-secondary opportunities and planning.

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