McKinley Elementary School

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McKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN
2025-2026

At McKinley School we believe that a partnership must exist between our parents and our school. We promote positive communication between the school and our students' homes. We also provide a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in activities supporting our school. This policy is available to parents of all students by way of the school's website. This plan is reviewed annually at our first School Site Council meeting, usually held in October, which is a public meeting open to all parents. Once reviewed, it is added to the website and a message is sent home to all families. The policy describes the means for carrying out the Title 1 involvement requirements.

It is our goal to provide an atmosphere where parents can express their views and to assist in problem solving. We want parents to understand that we view them as joint policy and decision makers and plan to emphasize their roles as advocates. The following is a list of services and activities to promote parental involvement and provide additional support for student learning:

1. **School staff will use a variety of communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instructions.**

    - McKinley School will distribute an annual calendar to parents that includes school news, and a calendar of school activities.
    - McKinley School will use our website that will keep parents up to date on all school events and activities.
    - Parents may use telephone or email to communicate with members of the school staff.
    - Parents can access their child's grades using a PIN number they receive at the beginning of the school year.
    - Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff.
    - Each teacher will send home a McKinley School folder containing student papers and work samples.

- Fourth and fifth grade teachers will send an agenda home daily with students. Parents are asked to check the agendas and folders.
- Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress via notes, agendas, phone calls, emails and postcards.
- The school will provide parents with report cards every trimester.
- Many teachers will routinely send classroom newsletters with pertinent information and upcoming classroom and school events.
- The school will also use the school Facebook page to communicate.
- Notices for special events, workshops and classes will be sent home with students, posted on the website and Facebook.
- McKinley School will use the student handbook the school website and Back to School night to share about school activities and policies.

2. **The school will hold parent meetings, conferences, and activities regularly throughout the year to increase parental involvement and build staff capacity to engage in these types of efforts.**
    - These meetings will include parent-training sessions to help parents understand how to enhance their child's education (literacy nights, parenting workshops, etc.).
    - These activities will include events like family reading events that provide an opportunity for parents and their child to experience the school situation in a positive and helpful manner while school staff may provide any needed assistance or encouragement.
    - The meetings will be held at various times during the day or evening to better accommodate parents.
    - During Back to School Night the school will inform parents about the school's participation in the Title I programs and to encourage parents to be involved with reviewing and revising of the School's Title I Plan.
    - McKinley School utilizes State-Adopted curriculum.
    - Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores, standards and an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts.

Parents will also be given suggestions for coordinating school-parent efforts and explanations of homework and grading procedures.

- The school will engage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:

- Classroom volunteers
- Book Fair helpers
- Award presentation assemblies
- Orientation presentations
- Trimester Recognitions
- Field trip volunteers
- Halloween Parade
- Coffee Chats
- Book Fairs
- Family reading nights
- Parent education workshops
- Open House
- Red Ribbon week
- Winter Celebrations
- D.A.R.E. graduation
- Various committees
- Dr. Seuss Night
- Back to School

3. **The school will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.**
    - McKinley will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through activities as tutoring, field trip volunteers, classroom helpers, etc.
    - Teachers will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school. Brief training sessions will provide parents and community members with the information they need to participate as school volunteers in order to put them at ease and make the experience pleasant and successful.

4. **The school will work with parents to create a School-Parent-Student Compact.**
    - School staff, parents, and students have a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact.

5. **The school will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in decision-making processes in regarding the school's Title I, Part A program.**
    - McKinley School will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. To support this process, the school will offer both school staff and parents training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way (School Site Council, English Learners Advisory Committee).
    - McKinley School will engage parents in decisions about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement (School Site Council, English Language Learners).

6. **The school will provide a parent resource center for parents.**
    - Parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational websites. Parents are encouraged to view the Title I Plan located in the office. A suggestion sheet will also be available for parental input.

7. **The school will engage parents in an evaluation of parental involvement efforts.**
    - The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a survey filled out by teachers, parents, and school staff. The School Site Committee, made up of teachers, parents, and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in numbers of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.
    - Parents are encouraged to attend a variety of school committees including School Ste Council, English Learner Advisory Committee, and family nights.

8. **Building Capacity for Involvement**
    - McKinley School engages Title 1 parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement.

9. **Accessibility**
    - McKinley School provides opportunities for the participation of all Title 1 parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migrant students. Information and school reports are provided in the format and language the parents understand. All communication, written such as flyers, surveys and oral such as committee meetings and the phone dialing system, are provided in both English and Spanish.