

Zanewood 2025-2026

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Zanewood Community STEAM School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. We want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to support high achievement of our children. We can't do this job alone. Parents and families play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way.

This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on 5/29/25. Please reach out to Amy Loken at lokena@district279.org or 763-549-2447 if you have questions about the opportunities below or want to provide feedback on this plan.

Partnering with Families	
We will involve parents in the planning and review of our Title I plan and how we spend our Title I funding.	☐ We will look at family input as a part of our Family Engagement plan. ☐ We will involve families in the planning and review of the school improvement plan. ☐ We will involve families in the development of the schoolwide Title I plan. ☐ We will invite families to participate in creating and reviewing our plan. ☐ We will share the plan with our school community.
We will inform families about our Title I program.	☐ We will invite parents to an annual meeting where we share: ☐ Information about the Title I program. ☐ Information about the requirements of parent and family engagement. ☐ Information about the rights and responsibilities of families to be involved. ☐ We will share this information on our school website.
How/when will we do this?	☐ Open House/Fall Annual Meeting: August 27, 2025 ☐ Each school-wide event (listed below) will offer opportunities to learn about Title I programming, family engagement opportunities and share feedback and input. ● Fall Engineering Night: September 25, 2025 ● Fall Conferences: October 22, October 28, and October 30, 2025 ● National African-American Family Involvement Day/Family

Breakfast: February 10, 2026

- Winter Conferences: February 5, February 9, and February 11, 2026
- STEAMfest: May 21, 2026
- Family BBQ: May 28, 2026

Shared Responsibility for High Student Academic Achievement

Parents, the entire school staff and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement to meet the state academic standards.	☐ With the involvement of families, a compact will be created or revised. ☐ This compact will be shared with families at conferences.
We will build the capacity of families to support their children's academic achievement.	☐ We will help families understand the state academic standards and state and local academic assessments. ☐ We will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children.
We will build the capacity of our school staff to increase family engagement.	☐ We will describe the curriculum and instruction that help their student meet the state standards, identify where their child is performing and discuss ways the parent can support their child's education at home and at school.
We believe in the importance of ongoing communication between families and school staff.	☐ Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice a year. ☐ Teachers will communicate student progress to families throughout the year. ☐ We will provide information on how to contact staff and learn how staff can best contact families. ☐ Provide information about how families can volunteer at the school.
How/when will we do this?	Fall Conferences: Wednesday, October 22, 2025: 8:00–9:00 AM and 4:00–7:00 PM Tuesday, October 28, 2025: 8:00–9:00 AM and 4:00–7:00 PM Thursday, October 30, 2025: 8:00–9:00 AM and 4:00–7:00 PM Winter Conferences: Thursday, February 5, 2026: 8:00–9:00 AM and 4:00–7:00 PM Monday, February 9, 2026: 8:00–9:00 AM and 4:00–7:00 PM Wednesday, February 11, 2026: 8:00–9:00 AM and 4:00–7:00 PM

Communication and Access

All families should have equitable access to information from school.

- ☐ We will offer flexible meeting times with virtual options.
- ☐ Whenever possible, communication will be shared in the family's preferred language.

How/when will we do this?

Zanewood will use Talking Points, Seesaw, Facebook & Instagram, PeachJar, and newsletters to communicate important information to families that will be accessible in multiple languages. Traditional forms of communication including parent meetings, flyers and email.

Multiple modes of communication will be utilized for all school-wide events.