

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

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The Board of Trustees encourages parent and family engagement in the educational process. Parent and family engagement means the participation of parents/legal guardians in regular two-way, meaningful communication concerning student academic learning and other school activities. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented following meaningful consultation with the parents/legal guardians of participating children.

The Post Falls School District will ensure:

1. parents/legal guardians play an integral role in assisting with their child's learning.
2. parents/legal guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
3. all parents/legal guardians are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the educational process.
4. policies and/or procedures are developed which align with parental rights as outlined in state statute.

Further the Post Falls School District will establish expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family engagement. Specifically the district will:

1. Involve parents/legal guardians and family members in jointly developing the district's plan.
2. Provide coordination, technical assistance and other support to assist and build the capacity of all participating Title schools within the district in planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
3. Coordinate and integrate its parent and family engagement strategies to the extent feasible and appropriate with the district's other relevant federal, state and local programs.
 - a. Maintain an effective means of outreach to encourage parental involvement in the education of English learners.
 - b. Communicate with parents of English learners in their native language whenever possible.
 - c. Provide interpreting services, when requested and available, to parents of English learners for parent teacher conferences, school enrollment, and other events / activities related to the student's instructional program.
4. Use the findings of the annual school evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective family engagement and to revise, if necessary, the district's parent and family engagement policy.
5. Utilize school and/or district parent advisory groups to annually review and/or revise the district's Parent Engagement policy.

The school district will provide for parent/legal guardians participation in operation programs, activities and procedures in all schools. All schools will have a parent involvement protocol and a school/parent compact in place.

Legal References: ESEA Section 1118;
I.C. § 33-6001 Parental Rights

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