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This policy and compact have been jointly developed and agreed upon by Aragon Elementary School, parents, and families of students served in the school pursuant to Title 1 (hereafter referred to as parents).

Policy

The administration, staff, parents and family members of this school believe that the improved academic achievement of each student is a responsibility shared by the entire school community, including the school district, school, community members, school administration, staff, students, and parents (as defined for purposes of this policy to include guardians and all members of a student's family involved in the student's education).

Parent and family engagement activities in the school will include opportunities for:

- Parents volunteering and involving themselves in school activities
- Learning opportunities and education for our staff and parent community
- Parents providing home support for their students' education
- Parents participating in school decision-making
- Establishing effective communication between the school and parents

Compact

Responsibilities of School

The school will:

- Provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment, enabling students to meet the district's academic standards.
- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title 1 programs, plans, and policies.

School Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the administration will:

- Facilitate and implement the Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy at least annually.
- Provide notice to parents of the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- Make the School Parent and Family Engagement Policy available to the community.

With regard to parent meetings, the administration will:

- Convene annual meetings to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I, the requirements of Title I and the right of parents to be involved.
- Inform parents of all meetings and encourage and invite parents to attend. Meetings shall be offered at various convenient dates and times to facilitate attendance by parents.

With regard to Title 1 Programs and Plans, the administration will:

- Inform parents about the goals and purposes of Title 1, any Title 1 programs at the school, the curriculum used in the programs, the academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of any Title 1 programs at the school.
- If the Title 1 plan is not satisfactory to the parents, submit any parent comments on the plan when it is submitted to the district.
- If requested by parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings of parents and the school where parents may offer suggestions and ask questions regarding Title 1 policies and programs.
- Administrators will provide timely responses to parents' suggestions and questions.

- Aid parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the district's academic standards, state and district academic assessments, the requirements of Title 1, how to monitor their student's academic progress, and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of the student

With regard to professional development, the administration will:

- With the assistance of parents, educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff in:
    - The value and utility of the contributions of parents

- How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners
- Implementing and coordinating parent programs
- Building ties between parents and the school

With regard to the coordination with other programs, the administration will:

- To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent engagement programs and activities with other relevant federal, state, and local laws and programs (including public preschools), and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their students.

Shared responsibilities of administration and staff

Administration and staff will:

- Provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the district's academic standards, state and district academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their student's academic progress, and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of the student.

- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their students to improve the students' achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright privacy) as appropriate, to foster parental engagement.
- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand. *[Note: this may mean not only in a language that is something other than English, but also to address the education level and other factors that affect comprehensibility]*.
- Provide such other reasonable support for parental engagement activities as parents may request.

The staff will:

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- Assist the administration in facilitating and implementing the Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy and parent engagement activities.
- Advise parents of their student's progress on a regular basis.
- Be readily accessible to parents and provide opportunities for parents to meet with them on a regular basis to discuss their student's progress and to participate as appropriate in the decisions related to their student's education.
    - At this school, the Parent Engagement Policy will be shared during at least one parent event throughout the year.
- Provide opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their student's class and observe classroom activities while still adhering to our safety protocols.
- Ensure regular two-way, meaningful communication between parents and school staff, and, to the extent possible in a language that parents can understand.

Responsibilities of parents

Parents will:

- Support their student's learning at home by:
    - Monitoring attendance
    - Monitoring completion of homework
    - Monitoring screen time
    - Encouraging positive use of extracurricular time
- Volunteer in the classroom
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their student's education
- Participate in school activities on a regular basis
- Actively communicate with school staff regarding their student's needs and circumstances
- Be aware of and follow rules and regulations of the school and school district

School staff member: _____ Date: _____

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Name (print) Title

Parent: Date:

_____ _____

Name (print) signature

Note: the law does not require school personnel and parents to sign the School/Parent Compact. However, if the school and parents feel signing the School/Parent Compact will be helpful, signatures may be encouraged.