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2026 - 2027 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the Herbert A. Derfelt Elementary School staff and parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title I.

Herbert A. Derfelt Elementary School will convene an annual meeting on August 27, 2026 for parents to evaluate this Parent and Family Engagement Policy (P.F.E.P). The P.F.E.P is distributed to all students upon their registration; it is sent home with students during the first week of school; and it is posted on the school website. The Parent Family Engagement Policy will also be shared at a September & October community meeting and at the September Partners Of Derfelt (POD) meeting and the School Organization Team (SOT) Meeting.

The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, developed by staff and parents, will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will also be made available to the community in English and Spanish. The P.F.E.P is distributed to students and families in September, and it is posted on the school website. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback and suggestions for refinement of the P.F.E.P. Suggestions are compiled throughout the school year then discussed at the annual meeting for review of the P.F.E.P. The district wide survey is shared via website. In order to increase participation in the District Survey, we continue to have all 4th and 5th grade students take the surveys via Chrome Books or Computer Lab. Derfelt's conclusion regarding the District Survey results saw a need to increase parent participation regarding District Survey. A Parent Link message will be sent out along with the link and directions to complete the survey. Also, during Parent Teacher Student Conferences computers will be provided in the hallways. The goal is to provide parents the opportunity to complete the survey prior to parent conferences. District Survey results will be shared at a School Organization Team Meeting and a Partners of Derfelt Meeting.

Herbert A. Derfelt Elementary School will involve parents and family in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, school performance plan and parent involvement policy.

The Educational Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review Accords prior to completing their child's registration. Through Infinite Campus, administrators and teachers have access to the Accords whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions. Office staff members monitor compliance level by conducting Queries on Infinite Campus.

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Parent Involvement in Academic Achievement of Students

A. Administration and staff will:

1. Provide assistance to parents in understanding curriculum content and expectations from the Nevada Academic Content Standards, formative assessments and reports from iReady and other assessments to be determined. All parents will have access to monitor their student's academic progress through Infinite Campus, Parent Student Teacher Academic Planning Time (PSTAPT) conferences in October, and semester report cards.

2. We will provide instruction based on the Nevada Academic Content Standards. Standards are delivered during instructional blocks that incorporate specific time for intervention based on each student's level of proficiency. Classroom teachers will provide specific remediation for all students who do not demonstrate mastery. Art, Music, Library, and P.E. Specialists will collaborate with grade levels to provide enrichment that is arts infused and exciting for students. Instruction will be delivered through technology, (Smartboards, Chromebooks, Interactive Panels, and Elmos), to promote higher levels of student engagement and interaction.

3. Herbert A. Derfelt Elementary offers many opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities:

□ POD Partners Of Derfelt meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month to build effective communication between the school and parents.

□ Family Academic Nights for Social Emotional Learning, Language Arts, Math (Parent Learning Series) & Science, and Fine Arts.

□ Approved volunteers in classrooms and grade levels to support identified students with reading or math fluency.

□ Approved and vetted Chaperones for field trips.

□ Family Engagement Events: Monthly Parent Training Series, and Monthly Dine Outs.

B. To foster parental involvement, the administration and staff of Herbert A. Derfelt will provide materials and training at after-hours academic events held throughout the school year to help parents work with their children to improve their students' achievement in literacy, mathematics, science, and technology. "Make-and-Take" activities at training give parents access to flash cards, books, and skill practice games. The school will also provide access to educational resources for parents to use together with their children.

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C. About professional development, the administration will, with the assistance of parents, educate teachers, pupil service personnel, principals, and other staff in:

□ The positive impact of having a strong partnership with parents and teachers

□ Cultural Diversity training and professional development that aligns with district objectives

□ How to contact, communicate, and work with parents as equal partners

□ Implementing and coordinating parent programs

□ Building ties between parents and the school community

D. 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 the parents can understand. Monthly calendars, Parent link messages, and websites where feasible documents are translated into Spanish. Notes home are used to announce important dates as needed. When parents need support with translation, if any is available, bilingual staff members can help. Office staff and teachers can use Google Translate and other apps to communicate in various languages if the language is unavailable to bilingual staff members.

E. Coordination with other programs

The administration will: As part of CCSD, Derfelt supports all Federal, State, and Local programs mandated. The staff of Herbert A. Derfelt will work with past community sponsors, Target, Vons, Sam's Club, and Costco, to secure resources for events and activities that support parents in more fully participating in their children's education. We will also help parents and families through the Weekend Backpack food program from Three Square and provide a Community Agency Referral Packet to parents needing assistance. Parenting classes (through Boys Town and the Family Engagement Department) will be offered along with periodic meetings.

F. Provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request (i.e., child care during meetings, parent comments, or suggestion sheets). A Safe Care Professional was added to our staff to increase parent engagement and communication. Also, a counseling referral system was developed to assist students and families with community support. The school counselor and Safe Care Professional access support from the Family Engagement Department to help with a multitude of assistance, including translators for parent meetings. Many teachers use Dojo to form ongoing communication with parents. Derfelt continues to foster an open-door policy to promote family engagement.

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