McKinley Elementary

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Parent & Family Engagement Policy
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"We will ensure that all students receive appropriate and rigorous instruction so that each student reaches their full potential. Together we will thrive!"

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OUR SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

At McKinley Elementary, we will:
Have high academic and behavioral expectations for all students.

Provide research-based instructional strategies using the proficiency scales and curriculum calendars linked to the Common Core Standards.

Collect and analyze student achievement data to continuously improve our progress.

McKinley Staff will work with students and their families to develop, communicate, and track progress on quarterly academic goals. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- ★ Newsletters sent home by teachers will include information about the proficiency scales and other skills taught.
- ★ Teach parents how to read the goals and to track progress through APTT family engagement meetings, parent/teacher conferences, progress reports, and report cards.

McKinley Students will work with parents and teachers to develop academic goals by:

- ★ Developing and reviewing individual goals.
- ★ Regularly tracking their progress on those goals.
- ★ Discussing their work and their progress with their families.

McKinley Families will support their child's academic progress by:

- ★ Knowing their child's learning goals.
- ★ Checking phone calls, emails, and connecting through social media regularly.
- ★ Communicating regularly with their child and the teacher about progress on each goal.

McKinley is Culturally Responsive

We recognize our diverse cultural population. We celebrate and observe our students' cultures and heritages.

What is a Family-School compact?

A Family School Compact for Success in School is a voluntary agreement co-developed by parents, students, and teachers. It identifies how families and the classroom teacher will work together to ensure that all students receive the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade-level standards.

Our School Responsibilities

Provide opportunities for parent engagement, such as PTO, APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Teams), Open House, field trips, parent volunteer days, classroom volunteers, or supplemental programs.

Communicate progress through Schoology, progress reports, report cards, APTT individual and team meetings, phone calls, emails, and social media.

Communicate school and community events through Schoology, the school marquee, the McKinley newsletter, the School Messenger phone system, emails, and social media.

Create and maintain an environment that respects the cultural differences of staff, students, and their families.

Maintain a safe and positive school.

Parents have opportunities to be involved and provide feedback on the school's 90-day plan. The Parent Liaison will gather and disseminate information between parents and staff.

Information about district preschool, after-school programs, and community resources will be available.

Family Goal Setting

Teachers will work with families at each grade level to set S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Timely) goals based on grade-level foundational skills.

The students and families will know what learning goals their children are working on, and what learning goals they need to learn to improve their scores. They can track their progress as the unit is taught.

Teachers, students, and families will track progress on the specific skills. The data will be shared at APTT meetings.

A **GREAT** compact:

- ★ **Begins** with academic standards
- ★ **Focuses** on student learning
- ★ **It is based** on school data
- ★ **Defines** everyone's responsibilities
- ★ **Depends** on us to believe in it and use it

How is it developed?

Together, the parents and staff of McKinley Elementary School developed this compact for Student Success. The idea of setting goals and providing specific feedback to students came from student, staff, and parent surveys given in February 2025. It is also reflected in the school's 90-day Plan and teachers' Professional Development Plans.

*The compact is revised annually. Meetings are held every spring to review and revise the compact. *

Communicating About Student Learning

McKinley Elementary is committed to communicating regularly about your child's learning. **SOME** of the ways you can expect to communicate are:

- ★ McKinley Newsletters
- ★ McKinley website, Facebook, & Schoology
- ★ Open House in August
- ★ APTT Individual & Team Meetings
- ★ Phone calls and emails
- ★ Teacher Newsletters

Do you have questions about your child's progress or concerns about the school?

Parents can contact the principal, assistant principal, counselor, nurse, or your child's teacher by calling 505-599-8607. Email addresses and voicemail numbers are available on the school website: https://farmingtonnm.sites.thrillshare.com/o/mckinley/staff