

Pinewood Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

In acknowledgement of reliable research proving that parent and family engagement raises the academic achievement of students; Pinewood encourages and supports the involvement of all parents. Throughout the school year there will be opportunities to promote active parental involvement.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Pinewood will provide the following:

- An annual meeting will be held on September 15, 2026. We will discuss the Title I plan for the 2026/2027 school year along with an opportunity for parent input and feedback.
- A learning compact will be sent out at the beginning of school. It outlines how parents and families, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving learning, along with an opportunity for parent input and feedback.
- A flexible number of activities will be held throughout the year to assist parents and families in understanding a variety of topics, such as our Family Nights on November 10th, February 9th, and April 13th.
- Continuous and timely communication will be provided through Class Dojo, Facebook, and the weekly Family Newsletter via email and telephone to assist parents and families in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement in order to work with their children at home.
- Surveys will be sent home at the beginning of the year and open discussion opportunities will be provided during Family Nights in order to evaluate parent opinions, concerns, and suggestions about the current programs of the school.
- Training will be provided throughout the year to support school staff and parents and families working together as equal partners.
- Resources and activities such as curriculum walkthroughs, presentations and sessions on assessments and instruction, standards-based grading presentations, and more will be designed and delivered to encourage greater participation of all families and parents in their child's education including pre-kindergarten programs.
- A parent and family engagement plan and school improvement plan will be revised on an ongoing basis in conjunction with parental and staff input.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents and families in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents, families and community members are always welcome at Pinewood!