



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear expectations and commitments for engaging parents and families as equal partners in supporting student learning and achievement at Silver Valley Elementary. Family engagement is essential to student success and is a shared responsibility between the school, families, and the community.

Scope

This policy applies to all staff, families, and stakeholders at Silver Valley Elementary. It aligns with Davidson County Schools' Title I requirements, Board of Education policies, and federal/state guidelines on parent and family engagement.

Policy Statement

Silver Valley Elementary is committed to building strong, respectful, and purposeful partnerships with families to support academic success, social-emotional growth, and the overall well-being of every child.

The school defines **Parent and Family Engagement** as the meaningful, two-way partnership between families, the school, and the community that ensures student achievement and school improvement.

Implementation

To put this policy into practice, Silver Valley Elementary will:

1. **Decision-Making and Shared Responsibility**
 - Involve parents and families in the development, review, and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan, Title I Parent Involvement Plan, and other school-level decisions.
2. **Communication**

- Provide regular, clear, and accessible information through multiple platforms (ClassDojo, newsletters, parent meetings, phone messages, conferences, and the school website).
 - Ensure communication is respectful, two-way, and, when possible, available in families' preferred languages.
 - 3. **Capacity Building**
 - Offer workshops, training, and resources to support families in helping their children with academic learning, homework, literacy, and social-emotional skills.
 - Provide professional development to staff on effective family engagement strategies.
 - 4. **Family Participation**
 - Create welcoming opportunities for families to participate in school events, volunteer activities, and classroom learning experiences.
 - Encourage family participation in PTO, advisory groups, and school celebrations.
 - 5. **Equity and Access**
 - Ensure that all families, regardless of background, culture, or circumstance, feel welcomed, respected, and included in school activities and decision-making.
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Monitoring & Review

- The effectiveness of this policy will be evaluated annually through family surveys, feedback at parent meetings, and advisory input.
- Results will be used to update practices and ensure alignment with district and Title I requirements.
- The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be distributed to families each year and posted on the school website.