## Family Engagement Planning

Each spring, Alice Smith staff members and parent representatives review and revise the Family Engagement Plan during a PTO meeting.

- Meeting will be on March 10, 2027

The **Alice Smith Plan for Student Success (Compact)** is shared annually with all families and defines the shared roles of the school, parents, and students in supporting academic achievement.

- **Alice Smith 2026-2027 Family Compact**
    - Shared with families on October 13 and 14, 2025
        - Collected and stored in Principal Schmidtke's Office

### Title I Information

Each fall, we host our **School-Wide Title I Presentation** (during a PTO meeting) to inform families about current Title I goals, assessments, and opportunities for academic support.

- 2026-2027 Presentation Outline

- **2025–2026 Presentation Outline**
    - 2025-2026 presentation (in progress) to be presented on January 13 (PTO meeting) and March 5, 2025 (at spring conferences)
- **2025 - 2026 VIdeo Summary**
    - 2025-2026 video to be sent to parents on October 31, 2025

## Family Voice and Feedback

We deeply value the voices and perspectives of our families. Opportunities to share feedback include:

- **Monthly Family Connect Meetings (beginning November 2026)**: These gatherings provide school updates, celebrate achievements, and invite open discussion and idea-sharing. To help more families participate, meetings are offered in **multiple formats** — including **in-person, virtual, and recorded options** — so families can join in the way that works best for them.

- **Family Vision Session (March 2027):** Families will be invited to share their ideas and hopes for the Family Engagement Plan at the March PTO meeting

- Families may also share feedback at any time by contacting the school office by phone or email.

## Communication and Learning Updates

Alice Smith is committed to keeping families informed about teaching and learning throughout the year.

- The **weekly caregiver newsletter** shares classroom highlights, instructional spotlights, and strategies for supporting learning at home.
- **Teachers and grade-level teams** send weekly updates that outline what students are learning, classroom events, and ways families can engage in at-home learning.
- Families receive updates on student progress four times per year through **report cards and conferences**. Conferences provide opportunities to discuss academic performance, strengths, and support plans when needed.

Families also receive **hands-on resources and digital tools** to extend learning at home in fun and meaningful ways.

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## Student Progress and Achievement

Families of 4th and 5th graders receive their **Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)** results each fall. Teachers review these results with families during conferences to celebrate growth and discuss next steps for learning support.

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## Family Participation and Volunteering

Families are always welcome to participate in both classroom and schoolwide activities! Opportunities include:

- PTO events such as the **Fall Read-A-Thon** and other community-building celebrations
- Classroom volunteering that support learning and school spirit

## Celebrating Our Community

Alice Smith is proud to be a diverse and welcoming community. In addition to celebrating cultural diversity throughout the year, we host our annual **Heritage Fest**, an evening event where families come together to enjoy food, performances, and activities that highlight our many cultural traditions. In addition, we are launching a **College and Career Fair** this spring to highlight various paths our students can take once they complete their Hopkins Schools career.

## Inclusive and Accessible Communication

We strive to make communication easy and inclusive for all families.

- Families can reach us by **phone, email, or the school website**, and through **weekly classroom and school updates**.

- All key communications are **translated** into families' home languages to ensure everyone has access to important information.

## Together, We Thrive

Under the leadership of **Principal Sabrina Schmidtke**, Alice Smith Elementary continues to build a culture of connection, inclusion, and shared responsibility for student success.

We thank our families for being active partners in this work — because when we work together, **our students soar.**

1. This Family Engagement Plan was shared and adjusted by the Alice Smith Title 1 Planning Team on October 24, 2025 and will be in effect for the period of the 2025-2026 school year.

**Schoolwide Planning Team**

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| Sabrina Schmidtke | Principal |
| Melissa Gausmann | Instructional Coach |
| Maggie O'Malley | Instructional Coach |
| Nicole Doescher-Train | SPED Lead |

| **Family Engagement Goal** | **How Family Engagement $ will be used to support the goal** | **Aligned budget categories** ***Leanne to complete this*** |
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| To continue to strengthen our School:Community partnership with our families by hosting listening sessions, festivals, and PTO meetings throughout the year. | We will use all of our family engagement dollars to purchase food, interpreting services, and family resources (books, etc) that are aligned with our family's needs. | • Food-estimate $1000<br>• Interpretation services<br>• Family resources |