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# Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2026–2027

Madroña Academy of the Arts and Sciences has developed a written Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy in collaboration with parents, teachers, the School Site Council (SSC), and the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). The School-Home Compact is presented and explained to parents at touchpoints throughout the year (e.g., Back-to-School Night, parent-teacher conferences, and ELAC meetings). This policy is distributed to families during the first trimester of the school year and is posted on the school website. This policy describes how Madroña Academy carries out Title I parental involvement requirements pursuant to 20USC § 6318 (a)–(f).

## 1. Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program

Madroña Academy of the Arts and Sciences undertakes the following actions:

**Annual Title I Meeting**: Convenes an annual meeting at the beginning of the school year to inform parents of Title I requirements and their rights to be involved.

- Publicity & Scheduling: The meeting is publicized via Smore newsletter, email, website calendar, and digital flyers. The meeting is held before back-to-school night and presentation materials are posted on the newsletter.

**Ongoing & Collaborative Planning**: Involves parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in reviewing and improving Title I programs and parent engagement policies.

- Feedback Mechanisms: Dedicated agenda items for parent input are included in fall Title I, ELAC, and SSC meetings. Teachers also collect feedback during parent conferences.

**Timely Communication & Progress Updates**: Provides families with timely information regarding academic programs and student progress.

- Notifications: Families receive Title I and academic intervention updates each trimester. Progress monitoring data is provided alongside report cards, and spring conferences are available upon request.

**Curriculum, Assessment, and Benchmark Transparency**: Explains core curriculum, academic assessments, and expected proficiency benchmarks.

- Grade-Level Expectations: Teachers review individual benchmark levels and proficiency goals during Back-to-School Night and Parent Conferences.

**Participatory Decision-Making**: Provides flexible opportunities for conferences with classroom teachers and intervention specialists, allowing parents to monitor participation in prescribed support programs.

## 2. Building Capacity for Engagement

To build strong partnerships between home, school, and community to improve student academic achievement, Madroña does the following:

**Academic Guidance**: Helps parents understand state standards, academic benchmarks, progress monitoring, and support strategies through Back-to-School Night, workshops, and school website resources.

**Home Support Materials & Tools**: Provides practical materials, home-practice activities, and specific growth guidance from classroom and intervention teachers.

**Staff Professional Learning**: Conducts staff development and training on valuing parent contributions, building equal home-school partnerships, and effective communication.

**Program Integration & Outreach**: Coordinates Title I activities with PTA, ELAC, SEDAC, AAAC, GATE DAC, and SSC events (e.g., Book Fair, Family Reading Night, STEAM Night, Open House). Dedicated Outreach Assistants and EL Specialists support family engagement and education.

**Multilingual Communications**: Ensures all flyers, notices, electronic reminders, marquee updates, and website communications are distributed in accessible formats and primary languages (English and Spanish).

## 3. Accessibility & Support

Madroña Elementary School ensures full opportunities for participation for all parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory learners. Information and school reports are provided in understandable formats and languages.