

2023-2024



East Derry Elementary School Title I Building Parental Engagement Policy

The East Derry Parent Engagement Committee believes student achievement is enhanced through the unity of school and home. The East Derry Parent Engagement Committee is comprised of school administrators, language arts and mathematics staff, classroom teachers, and parents. Through increased communication and various parent engagement meetings, activities, and trainings held throughout the year, expectations can be aligned between school and the home to promote student learning.

An annual meeting for parents of all students in the school will be held in September/October of each school year. At this meeting, an explanation of the parent engagement committee will be provided. Additionally, parents will be able to share their ideas for parent engagement and educational opportunities to be held throughout the year.

At the commencement of the year, parents are invited to review the parent engagement activities, evaluate the effectiveness of the program, review the Home-School Compact and Parent Engagement Policy and may propose revisions for the next school year. Parents may also review and contribute to the evaluation of the Schoolwide Plan and are invited to take an active part in revising the plan. All meeting dates and times will be provided in multiple formats such as notes, invitations, Dojo messages, and postings on the school website to inform stakeholders and increase participation.

At least two parent trainings will be held throughout the year to help parents and families improve their child's academic skills. Meeting times will vary in order to best accommodate family schedules. Title I funds are available to pay for any necessary expenses associated with the training. The school will also house a parent/family resource center with information and materials available on loan to families that can assist parents in working with their child as they learn.

We believe it is critical to provide families with detailed and timely information about school programs and their child's educational progress. A Parent Engagement Coordinator will distribute information to parents through brochures, notices, meetings, newsletters, notices on the school's website, Dojo messages, and telephone outreach. Curriculum materials, including computer-based programs that students and parents can access at home, will be provided to parents in order to improve math and reading achievement. Current assessment data will be provided to parents in a timely fashion as outlined in the school's schoolwide plan. In addition, teachers will encourage communication between families and schools. Educational teams will be available to confer with parents to discuss their child's educational progress, assessment results, and any concerns or suggestions.

Our entire school community is responsible for the success of our students and school. Consequently, the administration, staff, and families are dedicated to the planning, review, and improvement of Parent Engagement Policy, the Title I Program, and our school's programs.

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