

## **Sandstone Elementary School Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

### **Mission Statement:**

At Sandstone Elementary, we recognize that a child's education is a shared responsibility between the school and families. We are committed to fostering a strong partnership to ensure all students succeed academically. Our Parent and Family Engagement Policy is designed to support and empower families as active participants in their child's education. We do this to ensure that we will create high levels of learning by providing tools for success through high expectations and increasing learning capabilities.

### **Annual Title I Meeting:**

We will invite all parents to an annual meeting to discuss the school's participation in Title I, the program's requirements, and the parents' rights to be involved. The meetings are held at the beginning of the year at a convenient time to ensure parent participation, and parents can ask questions and provide input.

### **Flexible Meetings and Communication:**

We will offer various meeting times to accommodate parents' schedules. Additionally, we will provide information through multiple channels, including newsletters, emails, phone calls, facebook, text, and the school website, to ensure all families stay informed.

### **Parent Involvement in Decision-Making:**

Parents will have the opportunity to be involved in developing and revising the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the School-Parent Compact, and the Schoolwide Plan. We will seek input through surveys, parent meetings, and representation on advisory committees. Parents are invited to help in the classrooms as a room parent or to assist teachers with other needed support in the classroom.

### **Supporting Student Achievement:**

To help families support student learning at home, we will provide:

- Family Engagement activities that support student learning
- Information on state academic standards, assessments, and how to interpret results.
- Resources and materials for at-home learning activities.
- Parent-teacher conferences to discuss student progress and strategies for improvement.
- Principal and parent meetings are held to share what is happening in the school and classrooms.
- Monthly assemblies that focus on student academic achievement and highlight what is happening in the school.

### **Building Parent and School Staff Capacity:**

We will train teachers, school staff, and administrators on effective ways to engage families in their children's education, create open communication with families, and promptly provide

academic information and support. Likewise, we will provide families with guidance on effectively communicating with school staff and participating in school programs.

**Accessibility and Equity:**

We will make every effort to accommodate the diverse needs of our families, including:

- Providing materials and communications in multiple languages.
- Ensuring accessibility for parents with disabilities.
- Offering support for families experiencing economic hardship.

**Evaluation and Continuous Improvement:**

We will review our Parent and Family Engagement Policy yearly through surveys and meetings with parents and community members. Based on feedback, we will make necessary adjustments to improve the program and better serve our families.

**Adoption of Policy:**

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been jointly developed with parents and adopted by Sandstone Elementary. It will be distributed to all parents and available on our school website. We encourage all families to participate in school activities and stay actively engaged in their child's education.

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