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Howell L. Watkins
2020– 2021 Family Involvement
Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Parent Involvement

Howell L. Watkins recognizes the importance of forming a strong partnership with parents and community members in order to positively impact the students in our school. To promote effective parent involvement, the staff at Howell L. Watkins welcomes input from parents and community members and encourages them to join us in the activities outlined in this plan. We will work with parents as equal partners in the educational process.

Annual Title I Meeting

Parents are invited to attend this meeting each school year to learn more about the requirements of Title I and our school wide Title I Programs. At this meeting there will be opportunities to review Title I documents and give input on the following:

- School-Parent Compact
- Title I Family Involvement Policy/Plan
- Parents’ Right to Know
- Ideas for future parent involvement activities
- Title I Budget

Accessibility for all Families

We will accommodate all families by providing the following:

- Choices of meeting dates and times based on input from parents
- Language facilitators
- Translated documents
- Childcare at the school

Parent Involvement Activities

Based on parent survey input, we will provide the following activities to assist parents in understanding the state curriculum and assessments to help parents improve their children’s academic achievement:

- Academic Parent Teacher Nights or Literacy Nights will be implemented for parents to learn strategies to help their children at home.
- Assessment Information Nights will inform parents of FSA, grade level assessments, curriculum and grade level expectations.
- Newsletters to share relevant information and best practices with parents, that promote the value of family engagement.



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Shared Decision Making

Through the school’s SAC, parents will review and give input for the school’s Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and evaluate the plan annually. Parents will also give input in writing the School-Parent Compact. Parents will review the Title I Family Involvement/Parent and Family Engagement Survey results to determine necessary changes. Parents will have access to school updates and student grades through the district Student information system/Parent Gateway Portal. Parents will have opportunities to discuss school wide programs and initiatives as well as review school and student data reports.

Communication

Communication with parents will be done by the following:

- Flyers
- Emails
- Phone call outs
- SIS/Gateway
- School marquee
- School Website
- Facebook and/or Twitter
- Conferences
- School Advisory Council (SAC) —all parents are invited to participate on this council
- Family Involvement/Parent and Family Engagement Planning, input and surveys

Volunteers

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at our school in a variety of capacities that address the needs of the students and school.

This Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been jointly developed and distributed to the parents of Howell L. Watkins students. Please review and send the return portion below with your child to the classroom teacher.

Thank you,

Awilda Tomas-Andres, Ed.S., M.Ed.
Principal

I have reviewed the School Policy/Plan

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____