

Northside Elementary



Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2023-2024 School Year

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What is Title I?

Northside Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title 1

Schools must jointly

develop with parents

and family members a

written parent and

family engagement .

policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Northside Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Northside Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Northside Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



How is it revised?

Northside Elementary School invites all parents to attend our annual school planning meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school parent compact, and the family budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Northside Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

Upon the completion of the planning meetings, the plan is available on the website and on the information table in the office foyer. In addition, a copy is made available to all students. As a reminder, we will email the plan to all parents in the Fall of each school year. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2023-2024 District Goals

- Student Success
- Blue Chip Talent
- Stakeholder Relationships
- Blue Devil Culture
- Operational Effectiveness

2023-2024 School Goals

- Kindergarten will increase the number of students reading at/above grade level benchmark expectations from XX of students to 90%
- First grade will increase the number of students reading at/above grade level benchmark expectations from 69% of student to 90%
- Second grade will increase the number of students reading at/above grade level benchmark expectations from 54% of student to 90%
- Third grade will increase the number of students reading at/above grade level benchmark expectations from 74% of student to 90%
- Fourth grade will increase the number of students reading at/above grade level benchmark expectations from 81% of student to 90%
- Fifth grade will increase the number of students reading at/above grade level benchmark expectations from 63% of student to 90%

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Northside Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during

the planning meeting. The

school-parent compacts

also are shared with

parents during

parent-teacher

conferences and

kept with each child's

teacher if parents

need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Northside Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Due to the present conditions with the effects of a global pandemic, meetings will be conducted via Google Meet. However, face to face meetings will be scheduled as the conditions are more safe for families, students, and staff. All meetings for parents and family members will be recorded and posted to the school's website in the event that parents are not able to attend the scheduled event.

Meet the Teacher, July 27, 2023

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff. Find out how you can get plugged into our family at Northside Elementary;

Title I Annual Meeting - October 2023

We invite you to a night of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Schoolwide Plan, the School-Parent Compact, and Parent Requirements.

Parent Conference Day- October 16, 2023

Discuss grade level standards, along with reviewing the report card.

Family Engagement Month- November 2023

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

GMAS test taking skills workshop- February 2024

Parents will enjoy hearing the latest writing samples and curriculum updates.

Community Fair- March 2024

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

Fall & Spring Family Picnic Day- November & April 2024

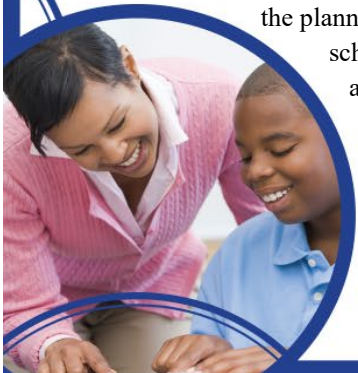
A day where the students and their family come together to enjoy a picnic and each other's company.

School Forum – May 2024

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

Annual Title I Input Meeting – May 2024

Join us for a meeting where parents get to give their input on School Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School Improvement Plan.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Kim Willis is the Parent Engagement Coordinator. Please come by or call and set up an appointment time.

Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Northside Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Northside Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Northside Elementary is Branching Out!

Northside Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Northside Elementary has active parents and teachers to enhance and support the educational experience at Northside Elementary engaging in the following activities.

- Social and academic activities
- Communication with parents, faculty, staff, administration and fundraising
- Encourage parent, teacher, and community involvement to enhance educational opportunities

Local School Governance Team

Northside Elementary has an active governance team. The goal of the team is to develop and nurture participation, bring parents and community together with teachers and school administration to create a better understanding of and mutual respect of each other's concerns, and share ideas for school improvement. This team shall be reflective of the school community, and shall aspire to the school district's mission (to educate, prepare, and inspire students to reach their fullest potential) and vision (prepare our students for tomorrow by building on our tradition of excellence). The team will meet six times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities

and meetings, as well as through our parent survey and website. If you would like to learn more about the Local School Governance

Team, Please contact the Principal at (229) 887-2425.



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Feedback Please
