



## Enterprise Elementary School

### Parent Engagement Policy

The Enterprise Elementary School Parent Engagement Policy has been developed and adopted by regular education teachers, instructional assistants, Community Council Committee members, our school staff, and administration.

Our mission statement at Enterprise Elementary School states our collective believe that every student can learn at high levels. High achievement, academically and socially, is our goal. We believe a critical dimension of school-wide and individual student achievement is parental engagement. In order to promote and provide opportunities for parental engagement, the staff at Enterprise Elementary are committed to the following:

#### School Goals and Responsibilities:

- Develop and translate into action sound educational policies and procedures, ensure adequate parent representation / contribution.
- Provide a supportive and effective learning environment that meets the needs of all students.
- Establish ongoing supervision and evaluation processes for instruction and student learning.
- Provide high-quality engaging instruction for all students.
- Establish clear, concise, and attainable learning targets and GVC (Guaranteed Viable Curriculum) goals.
- Use common assessment tools to monitor results and provide interpretation of such results.
- Provide appropriate strategic and skill based interventions for struggling learners.
- Ensure resources are available for all students.
- Provide timely and meaningful information and respond to suggestions from students and parents.
- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in planning, reviewing, and improvement of school programs.

#### Information Distribution:

- The Parent Involvement Policy for Enterprise Elementary will be posted on the school website at: <http://ees.washk12.org>. A copy of this policy will be <sup>1</sup>sent home to all families of returning students in the school binders at the beginning of each school year, and to all new families at initial registration.
- Information related to school and parent programs will be communicated through the school, social media (Facebook), monthly school newsletters, school and classroom notes, student-parent teacher conferences, and through printed information as needed.
- The Student-Parent School Compact outlines how students, parents, and the school will share responsibility for improved student achievement. The compact will be distributed at each parent-teacher conference, and posted on our school website at: <http://ees.washk12.org>.

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<sup>1</sup> School Mission Statement, “All Students will Learn at High Levels”



### **Parent Participation:**

- Parents will have the opportunity to participate in and receive supporting materials to improve students' levels of achievement and enjoyment of learning through Parent Engagement meetings, i.e. including Literacy Night, and Math Night.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in school decision making regarding the education for their children through direct communication with the principal, teachers, and all school staff members, at School Community Council meetings, and SEP (Student Education Plan) conferences.

Parents work jointly with the school to study needs and develop school improvement plans and the Student-Parent-School Compact. Parent groups will evaluate and provide feedback for both the school improvement plans and the Student-Parent-School compact yearly.

- Scheduled bi-yearly SEP (Student Education Plan) conferences provide opportunities for parents to ask questions, voice suggestions, and to be a part of the decision-making team regarding the education of their children.
- Within established parameters, parents are invited to participate in classroom instruction, and other school activities that involve their students.
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer in many capacities and help at school in their student's classroom and with school sponsored programs and activities.
- The school, with the help of parents and families will educate teachers and staff on the value and usefulness of parent and family contributions by collecting parent feedback about the school culture and climate through regular administration of yearly parent and family surveys.

### **Meeting Schedules:**

- Parent meetings and conferences will be held at various times to meet the needs of all families.
- The School Community Council meeting schedules will be posted at the beginning of the school year at the school, on the school website, through the monthly school newsletter, and the school's Facebook page, and through school-to-parent communication.
- Parents are invited and encouraged to attend all scheduled meetings to share ideas for school improvement to bring about increased student achievement and school-community success.

At Enterprise Elementary School, we believe the school-family partnership is imperative for supporting students to achieve expected learning outcomes successfully and enriching the total educational experience and school-wide instructional program. We believe that parent engagement has the greatest impact when parents, students, and the school share responsibility for the growth and development of each student. We believe that through diligent planning and implementation, the goals and plans outlined in our Parent Engagement Policy will serve as a vehicle for continued parental engagement, school improvement, and success for each of our students.

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