



LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Laurel Elementary School

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2025-2026

Laurel Elementary school strives to engage the family/parent in the education of its students. The following will be implemented by the school in order to encourage and foster family/parent engagement:

1. The Laurel Elementary School involves parents in the planning, review, and improvement of this Parent and Family Engagement Policy by conducting an annual parent advisory council meeting. During the meeting the Parent/Family Engagement Policy will be reviewed and revised, if necessary.
2. The Laurel Elementary School holds the annual Title I Parent/Family meeting in the Fall during the first semester to inform parents/guardians of Laurel Elementary School's participation as a Title I school. During the meeting we will also explain the requirements of the program as well as the rights of parents/guardians to be involved. A notice will be sent home to the families of all Title I students announcing the meeting date and time.
3. The Laurel Elementary School holds parent meetings including conferences at various times during the day to accommodate the needs of parents/families, including but not limited to, morning meetings, afternoon conferences, and evening family events. Phone conferences are also available to accommodate parents/guardians.



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4. Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I program during the annual Parent Advisory Council meeting where school staff and the Parent Advisory Council review and evaluate the current Title I program before preparing for the next year's program. During this time the Parent Advisory Council will also review the parent/family engagement policy and program. Any necessary changes for improvement will be made as a result of the annual review.

5. Parents of participating children receive timely information about the Title I program through Title I flyers/brochures, progress reports, parent meetings, parent-teacher conferences, and on the district website.

6. The Laurel Elementary School conducts an annual meeting to provide parents of participating children with a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet at the annual Title I Parent/Family Meeting. Parents who are unable to attend receive a Title I parent folder that contains all of the information. This information is also explained by classroom teachers at Open House and during parent-teacher conferences.

7. Parents of students in the Laurel Elementary School Title I program have the opportunity to request meetings with teachers and/or administrators to provide suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children. The meeting will be scheduled within 10 days of the request and the staff will respond to suggestions in a reasonable amount of time.



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8. The Laurel Elementary School is a Targeted Assistance Title I school.

9. The Laurel Elementary School staff, along with parents, jointly developed the School-Parent Compact during the Parent Advisory Council meeting and the compact is reviewed annually to make changes if necessary. The compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students share in the responsibility for improved student achievement. The compact also addresses the importance of an ongoing and open line of communication between the school and parents.

11. The Laurel Elementary School provides assistance to parents in understanding the state's academic content standards, state and local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress during Open House and parent-teacher conferences. Teachers will work with parents to improve the achievement of their children by presenting the information to the parents and engaging in discussion. Websites and handouts, which can provide further assistance, will also be provided to parents.

12. The Laurel Elementary School provides materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement. Materials provided include academic help websites, worksheets and practice activities, and parenting guides/brochures. These materials are part of the Title I parent meeting and parents are given tips and ideas to help their students with literacy and math concerns at the Family Math and Reading Night.



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13. The Laurel Elementary School, with the assistance of parents, will provide regular training and professional development to educate all regular school staff and support staff on parent engagement during one of the monthly school staff meetings. Topics to be covered include, but not limited to, how to reach out, communicate with, and work with parent/family members, the value and utility of parents/family members, how to implement and coordinate parent/family programs, and to build ties between the school and the parents/family members.

14. The Laurel Elementary School makes reasonable and necessary efforts to coordinate, and integrate parent engagement programs with other Federal, State and local programs, including local preschools that encourage and support parent/family members to more fully participate in the education of their child. These efforts include Open House, Parent/Family Nights, Kindergarten Parent Orientation meetings, and other Community Events. The parents of preschool students are encouraged to attend these events.

15. The Laurel Elementary School ensures that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/families of participating children in a format and language that is understandable. This will be done by writing communication in a simple and easily readable format and by making All Call announcements in a clear and concise voice that is free of accents. Also, translated documents will be available in other languages when necessary.



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16. The Laurel Elementary School makes reasonable and necessary accommodations to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions in the following manner: By offering phone conferences, providing translators or interpreters, handicap-accessible locations, and providing any other services as needed.