

Farmin Stidwell Elementary School
Title I Family Involvement Plan
2024 - 2025

Farmin Stidwell Elementary has a school-wide Title 1 Program. A child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family throughout the entire school year. Families and the school must work together as knowledgeable partners in order to ensure success for every child.

Mission:

Engaging ALL students to be lifelong learners!

Goal 1: Provide opportunities for family involvement at Farmin Stidwell Elementary.

Strategies

- Provide activities at a variety of times.
- Provide child care for young children during activities as needed.
- Conduct an annual family survey to determine needs and assess how needs are being met.
- Provide back-and-forth folders for all students.

Goal 2: The school will work with families to create a Family - Student - Teacher Agreement.

Strategies

- School staff and families will develop a Family - Student - Teacher Agreement. This agreement will outline how families, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement, and the means by which the school and families will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards.
- The agreement is sent home with students at the beginning of the school year.

Goal 3: Provide notice and information regarding highly qualified staff under the "RIGHT TO RECEIVE TEACHER INFORMATION" link in the student handbook.

Strategies

- Notify families that they have the right to inquire about the professional qualifications of their child's teacher. This notification is published digitally in the elementary student handbook, which is emailed to all families at the beginning of the school year, and is also available on our website.

Goal 4: Provide families with the opportunity to have input in the *Family Involvement Plan* at Farmin Stidwell Elementary School.

Strategies

- Provide families access to this plan through our school website.
- Provide families with opportunities to give input and suggestions for revision of the school plan during our annual input meeting.

Family Involvement Commitments

- **Back and forth folders** - These folders will be provided for all students at Farmin Stidwell. This will help encourage regular communication between families and teachers.
- **Support Materials** - Academic materials to encourage at-home skills practice are available upon request.
- **Title Giveaway Library**- Thousands of books are given away each year to students and families. These include books purchased with Title 1 funds, books discarded by our school library, and donations from teachers and other individuals.
- **Reading Incentive Give-Away Books for Classroom Teachers** - Each classroom teacher receives several new books of their choice to use as reading incentives or rewards in the classroom.
- **Monthly School Newsletter** - This newsletter is emailed to all families and posted to our website. This includes upcoming events and pertinent Farmin Stidwell information.
- **Classroom Communication** - Teacher communication is sent home to parents at least twice per month.
- September 2024 – **Read for the Gold Awards** - Students participating in the summer reading program are rewarded with a medal and a book of their choice.
- September 2024 – **Meet The Teacher Night** - All families are invited to meet the teachers and staff at Farmin Stidwell.
- November 2024 – **Family/Teacher Conferences** - Families will have the opportunity to conference with classroom teachers. Title 1 teachers, Resource Room teachers, and Specialists are available upon request.
- March 2025 - **School Wide Dr. Seuss / Read Across America Week** - This spirit week encourages literacy with Dr. Seuss-themed literature or other literature of the teachers' choice. The week includes a door-decorating contest and prizes.
- March 2025 - **Student Led Conferences** - This special conference for families is led by the students and showcases their own work and growth.
- **Two Literacy Events Per Year**
 1. **Family Literacy Movie Night** - We will hold a winter-themed movie night. This will include book give-aways for every student as well as literacy materials for families.
 2. **Literacy Event to be Determined** - we will hold our second literacy event in the spring. Ideas include a school carnival, a STEM night that includes reading activities, or another event to be decided.
- Winter 2024 – **Family Input Meeting** - Our annual meeting will be held on December 16, 2024. We welcome new ideas for discussion and are thankful for parent input.
- Summer 2025 - **Read for the Gold** - Title staff will visit each classroom to explain the program and encourage participation. Packets will be sent home in June.

- **New Family Orientation.** New families will be introduced to administration, be informed of Title 1, and get a tour of the school. Programs used throughout the school will be explained at this time. This happens at the beginning of the school year as well as when needed throughout the year.