



EDGEWATER PARK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Magowan Elementary School

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Parent and Family Member Engagement Policy

Statement of Purpose

The mission of the Magowan School is to successfully educate all students through high expectations, a commitment to excellence, and equal access to a comprehensive educational program, emphasizing the belief that all students will learn and become responsible, literate, thinking and contributing members of society. To accomplish these objectives, Magowan School will develop and maintain partnerships with parents and family members, patrons, and community members. A positive link between home and school will create the best learning conditions for every child. Students will be given every opportunity for success through the development and enhancement of the home/school partnership.

Magowan School will include parents in all aspects of the Basic Skills program and in the development of the parent involvement policy. Parents, members of the community, and school staff meet to discuss the design and implementation of the Title I Parent Involvement Policy. Magowan School reviews and updates the design and implementation of it annually,

Programs Available for Basic Skills Students

- Small-Group Instruction
- Leveled Literacy Intervention
- After School Academic Support Club (ASC)
- Before School Academic Support – ESL
- Peer Support
- Individualized Support

School will

- Provide information to parents and family members of participating students in an understandable and uniform format
- Provide to parents and family members of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I programs that include a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- On the request of parents and family members, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible
- Provide to each parent and family member an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading
- Provide each parent and family member timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002)

Parental Involvement Opportunities

Mildred Magowan School provides numerous opportunities for parental and family member involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students.

- Back to School Night September 19th - 6:30 p.m.
- American Education Week November Celebrating success with families as partners
- Fall Conferences December 12th, 14th, and 15th @ 1:15-3:25, December 13th 6:30-8:30
- Writer’s Celebrations February
- Read Across America March

Parents and family members are asked to give support in the following ways

- Join parents’ organizations (i.e. PTO)
- Review regular Principal’s communication via email/Parent Square for important updates
- Review the monthly web pages
- Utilize online resources for information about your child or school programs
- Talk about review homework planners nightly to check the completion of homework assignments
- Attend school events
- Make an appointment to seek assistance from teachers to intervene in possible problem areas
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and request additional meetings, if needed
- Keep teachers informed about events and issues that may affect your child’s work or behavior
- Read to your child and talk with him/her or her about what you are reading
- Limit time spent playing video games and using computer devices for social networks
- Limit TV time and monitor the quality of viewed to ensure they are appropriate

Staff and Parents and Family Members

Parents and family members will be informed of school activities through various avenues of communication throughout the school year and will be consulted in the implementation of the Title I program, Monthly newsletters, teacher notes, the school sign, conferences, personal contacts, phone calls, and written notices will be used to establish and maintain open lines of communication with parents and family members. Every parent and family member of a Title I student will receive information outlining the results of Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA), and NJASK testing that will specify the areas of needed instruction. The Title I instructional assistants will maintain a record of parent contacts throughout the school year.

Evaluation

Parents and family members will be surveyed, including input of the effectiveness of the program, and the results reviewed. The Magowan School will revise the Parent and Family Members Engagement Policy based on the results of the annual review.

Suggestions:
