

Central City Elementary

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Central City Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Guidelines for 2024-2025

Dear Parents and Families,

At Central City Elementary, we believe that parents and families play a vital role in their children's education. We are committed to providing programs and activities that ensure meaningful parent involvement in our school. Here are the ways we plan to work with you and engage families in the education of our students:

- 1. **Working Together**: We will create programs and opportunities for parents to be involved in our school. All of these efforts will be planned and operated with input from parents like you, ensuring we meet the needs of our students and families.
- 2. **School-Parent Compact**: We will develop a compact between the school and parents to clearly outline how we will work together to support student success.
- 3. **Family Engagement Policy**: Our family engagement efforts will be part of the overall school plan, which will include ways for you to be involved and provide feedback.
- 4. **Accessibility for All**: We are committed to providing opportunities for all parents to participate, including those who may have limited English proficiency, disabilities, or other needs. We will ensure information is shared in a way that is easy to understand and, when possible, in your preferred language.
- 5. **How Title I Funds Are Used**: We will work with parents to decide how to spend the 1% of Title I funds reserved for family engagement. At least 90% of these funds will go directly to our school for activities that benefit families.
- 6. What Parent and Family Engagement Means: Parent and family engagement is more than attending meetings. It means being involved in two-way communication with the school, helping your child with learning, and participating in school activities. Your involvement is important in decisions about your child's education.
- 7. **Parental Resources**: We will provide information about resources and programs available to parents through the school and community organizations.

How Central City Elementary Will Support Parent Engagement

- **Development of Engagement Plans**: We will involve parents in creating our family engagement plan by inviting you to participate in discussions and providing help for those who may need assistance with English or literacy skills.
- **School Improvement**: Parents will be informed of the school's improvement status and invited to meetings to learn how they can help in the process.

- Parent Partners: Each Title I school, including ours, will have a Parent Partner who will work closely with parents, providing information, organizing workshops, and helping parents become more involved in their child's education.
- Transition to Kindergarten: We will work closely with early childhood programs to support the
 transition of preschool students to kindergarten, including offering parent information meetings and
 resources.
- **Evaluating Family Engagement**: Each year, we will evaluate our family engagement efforts through parent surveys. We want to hear from you about what's working and what could be improved. Your feedback will help us create better plans for the future.

Supporting Families at Central City Elementary

We will offer a variety of activities to help parents stay involved and support their children's learning, such as:

- Workshops and training for parents to help their children with academic success.
- Family nights and other school activities.
- Opportunities for parents to serve on committees, such as our Local School Improvement Council (LSIC), to help make important decisions for our school.

Communication and Updates

We will keep you informed about school programs, events, and activities through:

- School newsletters
- Automated phone calls (School Messenger)
- Emails and Schoology
- Class Dojo
- Information sent home with students

We will do our best to make sure all information is easy to understand and available in a format that works for you. If you need information in a different language or format, please let us know, and we'll do our best to accommodate.

We look forward to working together to make this school year a successful one for all our students and families!

Sincerely,

Central City Elementary