Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Marion Earl Elementary School

2021-2022

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the Marion Earl Elementary School and parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title I.

Marion Earl Elementary School convened an annual meeting, at convenient times for parents to evaluate this policy. Our meeting was held on September 23, 2021. A second meeting was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 to accommodate those families who were unable to attend the first meeting. The powerpoint is also available on the school website for families to review. Parents were allowed to bring younger children to this meeting. We will also review this plan throughout the school year to revise as needed.

The school’s parent involvement policy was developed by Veronica Hunt, principal, and Aimee Levy, assistant principal, and parents. This policy will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The parent involvement policy will also be made available to the community on our school’s website. It is also available for review in the front office.

Marion Earl Elementary School will involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, school performance plan and parent involvement policy. Parents participated in a School Organizational Meeting where the plan was reviewed and modified based on parents’ suggestions. Marion Earl ES advertised this meeting via our school’s marquee and Parentlink messages.

The Educational Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review Accords prior to completing their child’s registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accords whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions.

Districtwide Survey Participation Results 2021-2022 Survey results were shared via Datalab. Screen shots were shared with parents and are available on the school’s website. At the meeting, the following information was shared at length with parents: Most of our students feel safe at school. Survey results showed that 100% of students reported that the school does a good job to prevent bullying. 93% of students reported they feel the school is safe. 93% of students reported they are treated with respect, regardless of differences like race, ethnicity, gender, or disability. Marion Earl ES has a Be Kind initiative to ensure all students are praised for being kind to one another. In addition, all students participate in Social Emotional Learning Curriculum.

A. Administration and staff will:

* Provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the Nevada Academic Content Standards and the school performance framework, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their student’s academic progress and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of the student. The school’s website has all of this information for parents. This information was reviewed at our annual Title I parent meeting. Parents can access students’ progress reports/grades via Infinite Campus. Teachers also provide weekly/monthly communication that assist parents in learning what their students are learning and how to help them at home.
* The staff at Marion Earl will utilize the components of an effective lesson, and the technology available to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards. Teachers use diagnostic/formative/summative assessments to create a customized curriculum to meet the needs of their students. Assessments include: Brigance, MAP, DRA, SBAC, MAP Fluency, and EasyCBM. Teachers use materials from the literacy lab and collaborate with each other to create these lessons.
* Offer parent involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities:
* Annual Title I meeting
* Registering students at the school site- even offered in Spanish
* Monthly SOT Meetings
* Fall Festival
* Reading Under the Stars- an activity where parents can read with their students
* Scholastic Book Fair, Math/Literacy Night – as possible

B. The school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve the student’s achievement, such as literacy training and using technology as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. The materials may be sent home via paper distribution and will be placed on our school’s website. The FACES and ELL teams will conduct bi-monthly meetings/PD to address a variety of parent/academic issues: such as attendance, parenting, and helping students at home. Parents are referred to the Diskin ES parent center for other needs.

C. With regard to professional development the administration will collaborate with parents, teachers, pupil service personnel, and staff on professional development. Parents and other personnel will be encouraged to voice their opinions, which will then drive the need for particular staff training. Parents can offer suggestions during Title I meetings, SOT meetings, and via email/phone to administration. Professional development will include, but is not limited to:

* + Curriculum and Instruction as it relates to the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NEPF)
  + Create a Parent Book Study focusing on the impact parent engagement has on student achievement
  + The Response to Intervention Process

D. The staff at Marion Earl will ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities (newsletters, notes, and website information) is sent to parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

E .Coordination with other programs

* The administration and staff at Marion Earl will, when applicable, partner with parent programs and community resources to conduct activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Parents are referred to Safekey and The Boy’s and Girl’s Club as needed.

F. The administration and staff at Marion Earl will provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Parents are encouraged to be involved through our newsletters, Parentlink messages, SOT meetings, School-Wide Class Dojo, social media platforms, and announcements are made at events to get parents involved for other future events.