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School Parent & Family Engagement Policy

2021/2022



Mission Statement

"The Mission of Earl Nance, Sr. Elementary School is to empower students to have a voice within our community. Each student will achieve success through literacy, innovation, and having culturally responsive classrooms".

Communication

Using a variety of strategies and methods, Earl Nance School promotes clear, consistent and effective two-way, culturally appropriate communication between staff and parents.

Parent Involvement Goals

- Positive working relationship exists between educators and parents of every ethnic group.
- Diverse communication exists between school and home.
- Strong parent involvement in their children lives.
- The parents understand that there is an open door policy and every parent is invited to attend all parent meetings.

Earl Nance Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy includes programs and practices that enhances parental involvement and reflects the specific needs of students and their families. To help promote parental involvement Earl Nance Elementary will have two parent teacher conferences for the year. The first conference is in the Fall and the second one in the Spring semester. Parents may also set appointments as needed to meet with their child's teacher, as well as request the support of the FCS when needed.

Title I parent meeting will be held in August of each year. There will be a second meeting scheduled in January, with the same information given in August and any changes that may have occurred. Information on the following Title I requirement will be disseminated; St. Louis Public Schools District Policy (P1230), Nance School Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the local school, School Parent Compacts, compliant resolution procedure, ESSA Information, parents right to know and parent notifications.

Parents will be given timely information about all Title 1 programs. Parents will also be given information that explains and interpret Earl Nance's annual performance report, (AYP) as well as assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Assessment and progress will be posted in an area that parents will have access to, and presented in a language that is understandable. When there are decisions that need to be made regarding the education of their children, a meeting will be held for parents to formulate suggestions and participate. Earl Nance Elementary will assure that there will be timely responses to their suggestions.

Meetings will be offered at times that are convenient for parents and on an individual basis as needed. The school will provide parents with timely, ongoing information, including the parent involvement policy. Parents will be encouraged to attend monthly PTO meetings, during times that will be convenient for majority of the parents. A survey will be conducted at the beginning of the year to ensure that the time chosen is best for the greater part of the parent population. However, meeting times will change if the parent population changes and new times will be presented for parents to give their vote on what's the best time.

A monthly newsletter and monthly calendar will be sent to the parents with information about what's going on and any classes or meetings that may be scheduled in that month.

Also parents will be encouraged and assisted with getting library cards. Baden Branch Library will be invited at least 1x a year to do a presentation on library services so that families may use the numerous resources that the public library may offer.

Earl Nance School will gather a volunteer resource sheet listing the interest and availability of volunteers which will be made available to staff members use. Survey will include:

- Survey parents regarding their interest, so that their volunteer time will be meaningful.
- Determine how frequently a person would like to volunteer, including just one time in the year.
- Use the activity list to help match school needs with volunteer's interest.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

Earl Nance school team composed of the principal, teachers, Family and Community Specialist (FCS), parents and community partner met to develop a Parent Compact that would help children achieve the state's high standards.

The schools' compact provides for shared responsibility for student performance and success. The responsibilities of the school, teacher, parent and the student are clearly stated. The school compact specifies the shared responsibility of the parent and the child to enable the student to meet the state's challenging high standards. This agreement helps students; teachers and parents focus more clearly on the student's growth. When home and school collaborate, the potential for the child's intellectual, emotional and academic growth is tremendous. This contract assures that everyone is committed to this end result.

Earl Nance School will conduct two parent-teacher conferences per year. More individual conferences are scheduled as needed. Other ongoing communications will be done through telephone calls to the home, and report cards stating student's progress. Mid way

there will be progress reports disseminated to the students concerning their progress. Also some teachers may choose to email parents if asked. Newsletters and other notes from teachers will encourage parents to volunteer to visit their child's classroom.

Building Capacity for Involvement

Earl Nance School will provide support for building a partnership among the school, parents and the community through newsletters, written communication training and information sharing sessions about the state and local goals and standards and other requirements related to improving student's performances.

The Family and Community Specialist staff will encourage parents to take advantage of literacy programs that are available in the area, as well as community events. Parents will also be encouraged to attend any activities that focus on family and parent involvement.

Nance Elementary will disseminate any information related to parent involvement activities in a format that is practicable and in a language the parents can understand. Parents will also have access to information at the information table and or by contacting a staff member at the school. Nance will make sure that parents understand that we have an open door policy and they are always welcome to come and visit the school as well as set up appointments to have meetings when necessary.

The Family and Community Specialist (FCS) will provide full opportunities for the participation for parents with limited English proficiency or with disabilities. The FCS training opportunities and resources will be publicized and sent home to parents. The information will also be shared at parent meetings at the beginning of school, PTO meetings, and parent-teacher conferences. Parents will also be encouraged to let other parents know about their participation and encourage them to participate as well.

Below is a list of some of the programs/meetings that Earl Nance School will hold for our Title I Parents.

Annual Title I Meeting, Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom, Monthly PTO, Annual Family Reading Night, Annual Family Math Night, Awards Day, Volunteer Luncheon, Father /Daughter and Mother/Son Night, Very Involved Parent Luncheon, Fall Festival Celebration, Lunch Date with Parents, Winter Program, Black History Program, Fall and Spring Picture Day, Parent Workshops, School Planning Session (Review&Revision), Mommy & Me, Family Science Night, Red Carpet Awards Day

Earl Nance Elementary Dr. Tyler Archer~Principal Shantelle Williams-Green Family & Community Specialist

Signature

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Date