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School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2022-2023

Gateway STEM High recognizes that a student’s education is a responsibility shared by the school and family. To support the goals of the school effectively, the school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners toward the educational success of their children. This plan will be distributed to parents annually and be revised periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

**Policy Involvement**

Gateway STEM will host an annual Title I meeting in September of 2022 in the Library to inform parents of Gateway STEM’s participation in Title I Programs. The Title I team will explain Title I mandates including Parent-Right-To Know, the No Child Left behind Complaint Procedures, and the availability of the Parent Information and Resource Center. The team will also review the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Report from the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Gateway STEM will provide parents an opportunity to participate in the evaluating, revising, and/or amending of the Parental Involvement Plan and the School Improvement Plan. This meeting will be held in the month of February 2023. Prior to these meetings, parents and stakeholders will receive the current plans and all updated Title I mandates to review.

Gateway STEM will host parent teacher conferences after the first and third quarters. These will occur in the months of October and March pending the various times and dates to accommodate the most parents possible.

**Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement**

Gateway STEM will retain highly qualified administrators and teachers with instruction, materials, and highly qualified professional development which will incorporate pertinent and proven research. Gateway STEM will retain a safe and positive climate and encourage frequent communication between home, school and students, by providing the following:

* Parent-School-Student Compact
* Student Handbook to be disseminated within the first week of classes.
* Report Cards/Progress Reports to be disseminated every ten weeks.
* Weekly Email updates from the Parent School Community Specialist.

Gateway STEM will have high expectations for all students.

* Keep consistently high standards for student achievement.
* Assign homework regularly.

 Gateway STEM parents will talk to their students about school activities; discuss students post-secondary plans; regulate their students activities both inside and outside of school; help their students learn to resolve conflicts in a positive non-violent manner; foster high regard for academic achievement; seek information regarding their students’ progress by communicating with the teachers and attending parent teacher conferences; encourage students to be present, prepared and on time to school and classes each day; hold their students accountable for completing homework; and encourage their students to follow all school rules and regulations.

Gateway STEM will host monthly or quarterly PTO meetings to keep parents involved and informed.

**Building Capacity for Involvement**

The Family Community Specialist (FCS) will be available to conference with parents who have concerns or would like to be involved. The FCS will also be able to provide information regarding the following:

* Student progress report and report card grades
* Student attendance records
* Teacher contact information
* Study skills toward academic success
* Understanding how to monitor a student’s progress
* Understanding of how to plan for a student’s future
* Aid in understanding any school documentation, including letters sent home, school policies, and other items upon parent request

The FCS will additionally do the following:

* Provide discussions and/or talks about study skills, learning styles, student health, and wellness, etc.
* Ensure that Title I documents are available to parents in a language that is easily understood.
* Provide volunteer opportunities for parents/guardians including field trip chaperoning, office help, teacher assistant, and more.
* Provide other reasonable support for Title I parental involvement activities as requested by parents.

Distribution method of Engagement Policy: Check all that apply.

* Bulletin Board
* Email
* Newsletter
* Posted (Dojo, Peachjar, Remind, etc.)
* School Website