

Sigel Elementary School

2020-2021

School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The staff at Sigel Elementary School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by both the school and family during the entire time the child spends on school. To support Sigel's goal to educate all students effectively, our school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners. We believe that parents are an integral component of a school's ability to provide for the educational success of their children. Our staff acknowledges that parent engagement is essential in improving student achievement and that our school should foster and support active parental involvement. This plan will be distributed to parent annually and be revised periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

Parental Involvement Goals

- Create a positive working relationship between educators and parents in all ethnic groups
- Create consistent communication between school and home
- Involvement in a variety of disciplines is evident throughout the school

Strategies for Involvement

We will remain steadfast and committed to providing a variety of opportunities for parents to involve themselves in their child's education and will ensure that parents are made aware of items pertaining to their child's education as well as information regarding to Title 1 mandates.

- Sigel Elementary School will host a Back to School Social/Open House. This will be held one week before school starts. It will be an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss the new curriculum and meet their child's teacher and school staff.
- Sigel Elementary School will work diligently to assist interest parent's/family members to establish a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and subsequent provide space for meeting and family events (e.g. Family MAP Night, Math & Literacy Night, Parental Information, etc.) throughout the school year with alternating morning and evening times. These meetings will inform parents of all school updates and will give parents a vehicle to discuss any school related problems or parental issues. The events will help equip the families with techniques and tips to prepare students for success and also provide support to parents in order to aid their students in succeeding.
- We will conduct Bi Annual Title 1 meetings (to be held in the Fall and Spring semesters) to inform parents of Sigel's participation in Title 1 programs. We will inform parents of all Title 1 mandates including: Parent's Right To Know, Every Student Succeed Act, Title 1 and SLPS District Complaint Resolution Procedures and the Title 1 parent engagement policy. Our Family and Community Specialist will host these meetings.

- To encourage communication with parents, Sigel Elementary School schedules (2) parent conference per year.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

As a component of the school-level Title 1 parent engagement policy, each school participating in Title 1 must jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact. The compact will outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement and describe how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the Show-Me Standards. The school – parent compact must:

- Describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.
- Describe how parents will be responsible for supporting their child's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion and TV viewing; volunteering in their child's classroom; participating as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child; and positive use of extracurricular time.
- Describe opportunities for parents and teachers to communicate on an ongoing basis including, at a minimum | parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact will be discussed in relation to their child's achievement | frequent reports to parents on the progress of their child | reasonable access to staff and opportunities to volunteer, participate, and observe in their child's classroom.

Expanding / Opportunities for Involvement

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership with the Title I school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement, each district and participating school must:

- Provide assistance to participating parents with such topics as | understanding the Show-Me Standards, the MAP test and local assessments | understanding how to monitor a child's progress | knowing how to work with teachers to improve the performance of their child.
- Provide parents the training and materials necessary to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology appropriately.
- Educate with parental assistance, all school personnel in valuing parent contributions, communicating and working with parents as equal partners, implementing and coordinating parent programs, and building ties between home and school.

- Coordinate and integrate the Title I parent involvement program and activities with other existing parent involvement programs, such as Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Parents As Teachers, Practical Parenting Partnerships, public preschool programs.
- Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of Title I children in a format and language they can understand to the extent appropriate and feasible, provide parent resource centers and opportunities for parents to learn about child development and child rearing issues.
- Provide other reasonable support for Title I parental involvement activities as requested by parents.

The district and participating school may:

- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses, including transportation and childcare costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and trainings.
- Train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.
- Provide necessary literacy training if all other available sources of funding have been exhausted.
- Arrange school meetings at a variety of times or other locations to maximize parental involvement and participation.
- Adopt and implement model parent involvement approaches.
- Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to advise on all Title I parent involvement matters.
- Develop appropriate roles for community organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities.