

Callaway Elementary School

Parent & Family Engagement Policy & Plan for Shared Student Success

2022- 2023

School Year

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What is Title I?

Callaway Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to reinforce and enhance efforts in improving teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

Title I schools must jointly

developed with all parents

a written parent &

family engagement

policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Callaway Elementary School (CES) will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. CES values the contributions and involvement of parents and families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that CES will support parent & family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

CES invited all families to attend our annual School Improvement Forum last spring to review and revise this parent & family engagement policy, the school improvement plan/schoolwide plan, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through a form available in the Parent Resource Center. The plan is posted on our school website for parents and families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. CES will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is made available to all students. Copies of the plan will be available at our Annual Title I Parent Meeting at the beginning of the year. The plan is housed in the Parent Resource Room.. The plan will also be posted on the school website.

2022-2023 District Goals

1. Focus on Student Success and Well Being
2. Ensure Equitable Opportunities for All
3. Focus on Recruiting, Inducting and Retaining Quality Staff
4. Cultivate the Capacity of the School System to Function as a Flexible and Adaptable Organization
5. Lead in the Cultivation of Relationships and Strategic Partnerships between the School System and Parents, and Among Agencies and Organizations which Provide Services to Children

District Values

Connection	Equity
Achievement	Resilience
Integrity	Compassion

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, CES and our families will develop school-parent compacts by grade level. These are agreements that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explain how all parties will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards and goals. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the beginning of each school year.

Families will receive a copy of the compact to keep at home. Compacts will be reviewed with parents during the year, as well.

Let's Get Together!

Callaway Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Many meetings for parents will be offered at 2 different times to accommodate parents. We may also be able to offer childcare during meetings if needed. Please call the office about this service.

Back School Bash- Summer of 2022

Staff and Families gather together to celebrate the new school year. Families are invited by post cards mailed to home addresses during the summer.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting – Beginning of the Year

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent & family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will come home in Tuesday folders, will be posted on the website, and mentioned in grade level newsletters.

Parent Workshops- Throughout the Year

We will host parent workshops during the year to present parents with academic information that will inform and enhance their knowledge of curriculum. The topics of workshops will be determined by using parent input from survey data collected each spring. Invitations will come home in Tuesday folders and events will be mentioned in grade level newsletters. Some of these workshops include our Lunch and Learns, GMAS Parent Informational Workshops, Family Reading Night, Science Fair, STEM night.

Conferences- October, 2022 and March, 2023

In October, Kindergarten-2nd grade will invite parents to teacher-led conferences to share student progress and provide opportunities for greater understanding of grade level requirements. 3rd-5th-graders will have student-led conferences with parents to share academic accomplishments. Invitations will come home in Tuesday folders, and dates will be posted in newsletters. and via Social Media. In addition to these set conference times, all parents are welcome to schedule conferences with teachers conferences after school and during the teacher's planning time throughout the school year.

Other Family Involvement Activities- Throughout the Year

CES recognizes the value of involving our families on a regular basis. We will host events throughout the year to welcome families. Events such as Fall Festival, Career Day, Lunch on the Lawn, Cookies with Santa, Student Basketball Games, Drama/Chorus productions, art shows and others will be hosted. Flyers and invitations will be sent home in Tuesday folders, events will be posted on Social Media, and dates will be listed in grade level newsletters.

School Improvement Forum- Spring of 2023

Families will be invited to review and provide feedback on our School Improvement Plan/Schoolwide plan, our Parent & Family Engagement Policy, and our Title I budget for the next school year. Invitations will come home in Tuesday folders and the dates will be posted on the website and in grade level newsletters.

Parent Resource Center

Our parent resource center is located in a large room to the left off the front lobby. Come to look through the pamphlets on a variety of topics or use the computer to find other resources.

Hours of operation are 8:00 am-2:00 pm.

Parent & Family Engagement

CES believes that parent & family engagement is the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

CES is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you miss a meeting and would like a ca brief overview..

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CES: Learning @ Its Best!

Callaway Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and families as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in grade level newsletters and in Tuesday folders. We will also be sure information is posted on the school website for parents as well as being sent out in the form of text messages through ClassDojo.
- ✓ Provide regular information for staff during faculty meetings and in staff updates on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with Head Start and Early Reading programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in grade level newsletters and on the website for parents and families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent & family engagement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Provide translated materials and interpreters during meetings and conferences to the extent possible to help parents work with their children to improve achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education, School Council, and Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Share information about literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

CES' Family Liaison

We have a Family Liaison in our building who strives to strengthen ties between home and school. Dexter Williams is an asset to our school. His main goals are to be available to parents based on their needs, coordinate parent programs, and maintain the necessary Title I documentation for the system and state. If you have not met our family liaison, please come by the office to do so very soon!

Parent Advisory Council

CES invites all parents and family members to join the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The council meets several times during the school year. Dates will be posted on our website and invites to meetings will come home in Tuesday folders each month.

Please contact our Family Liaison or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office if you are interested!

Parent Advisory Council

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more joining the PAC
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

