

# **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

## **Lorna J. Kesterson Elementary School**

**2018-2019**

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This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the Lorna J. Kesterson Elementary School staff and the parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title 1.

Lorna J. Kesterson Elementary School will convene an annual Title 1 meeting, at a convenient time for parents to evaluate this policy. This meeting will be held on August 29, 2018. Childcare will be available upon request. The powerpoint presentation of this meeting is available on the school website or parents may pick up a printed copy at the school office for review as well. The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, developed by the Lorna J. Kesterson staff and parents, will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will also be made available to the community via the school website and the school office.

According to the 2018-2019 annual District Wide Parent Survey, 66 parents responded and provided all positive comments about our school. The survey results show our parents do not feel the district is transparent with information, but overall, are happy with our school. To keep an open line of communication between the parents and staff, the school will continue to keep all information acquired at parent meetings on the school website. This information was shared at the annual Title 1 Parent Meeting on August 29, 2018. We will have a survey link available on the school website and create a ParentLink message to encourage survey participation.

### **School Performance Plan**

Lorna J. Kesterson will involve parents through newsletters, flyers and monthly upcoming events notices to be involved in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of the Title 1 programs, School Performance Plan, and Parent and Family Engagement Policy through the invitation and participation of parents in planning sessions, monthly SOT meetings, and by attending monthly Learning Improvement Team meetings.

### **Educational Involvement Accords**

The Educational Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review the 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.

### **Parent Involvement in Academic Achievement**

To ensure the effective communication in a language that parents understand and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Lorna J. Kesterson Elementary School shall:

- \*Provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the Nevada Academic Content Standards, the requirements of Title 1, how to monitor their student's academic progress and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of the student. This will be done through Open House night in August, Academic Day in October, Parent Teacher conferences, FACES presentations and Read by Grade Three parent meetings.
- \*Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the Nevada Academic Content Standards.
- \*Offer parent involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities. Parents are notified through the school website, FaceBook page, and by individual teachers through ClassDojo.
- \*Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve the student's achievement, such as literacy and math training and using technology as appropriate, during academic parent nights, parent-student-teacher academic planning time, FACES presentations and the school website to foster parent involvement.
- \*Provide professional development, in partnership with parents, to educate the staff in the areas of: valuing the contributions of parents, how to reach out and communicate with and work with parents as equal partners, implementing and coordinating parent programs, and building ties between parents and the school. This will be done through Read by Grade Three Professional Development presentations, Ron Clark Academy Trainings and trainings with staff on how to conduct Parent Teacher Conferences.
- \*Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. Pertinent information will be included in the school newsletters, the school marquee, various documents sent home, school website and the district's phone communication system.
- \*Includes parents and families to participate in the education of their children through our Fine Arts nights, Academic Day, Open House, FACES presentations, All-School Family Picnics and Parent Teacher Conferences.

\*Provide resources and activities through the City of Henderson Safekey Program, Three Square and FACES to encourage and support parents and family members in participating in the education of their children. Services available are communicated through the school website, flyers sent home and ParentLink messages.

\*Provide reasonable support for additional parental involvement activities as parents may request through evaluations, surveys and through formal and informal two-way discussions with school staff. We work together with our parents to make Lorna J. Kesterson the best it can be.