

# Fredric W. Watson Elementary School



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## Fredric Watson Elementary School's Parent & Family Engagement Policy 2021-2022

### 1. Parent Involvement:

This policy has been jointly developed by Fredric Watson Elementary School administration, staff and parents of our students, pursuant to Title 1. Fredric Watson Elementary school will convene an annual meeting which will be held at a convenient time for parents to review. This meeting was held September 15, 2021. Each year administration, staff, and parents will review and revise the school's current Parent & Family Engagement Policy during the spring. An annual meeting will be held in the spring of the year after the different groups have met. The policy will be distributed in an understandable format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The Parent & Family Engagement Policy will also be made available to the community. The annual parent meeting was held on September 15, 2021 at 8:30 and 3:30 to accommodate parents that work and was done online. For parents who are unable to attend we send home a Tuesday folder with the information for them.

1B From the District survey results 88% of the parents feel that communication, technology, family engagement and help for the students the school is provided. The parents from the survey like the school, but would like to see differentiation of the night time activities. We have differentiated the make it take it activities so they do not seem repetitive during the year. Our goal is to increase our participation by 10% on the survey by allowing parents to take the survey during registration times in the spring. Two progress reports are sent home the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month and one is signed and returned. Parents are able to check grades through the Parent Portal Infinite Campus to see student's progress.

### 2. Parent & Family Engagement Process of School Improvement Review/Implementation:

Due to COVID there was no parent engagement for the 2020-2021 school year. Randomly selected parents were involved in writing the Parent & Family Engagement Policy for 2021-2022. Parent & Family Engagement Policy, on-going, and timely way in the planning, or review of the School Performance Plan, Parent & Family Engagement Policy, and improvement of Title 1 programs. The Parent & Family Engagement Policy was reviewed with the parents on September 15, 2021 during the Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting.

### 3. CCSD Educational Engagement Accord:

The CCSD Educational Engagement Accord are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review the Educational 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.

### 4. Administration and Staff:

The Fredric Watson Elementary School staff will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards. The staff will provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding school wide and CCSD goals. At the beginning of the year the grade levels hosted individual Open Houses to present to the parents the grade levels expectations of academics, curriculum, and behavior. The school sends home weekly Tuesday folders with all pertinent correspondence for the parents. Parents sign and return them to school. Two progress reports are sent home the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month and one is signed and returned. Parents are able to check grades through the Parent Portal Infinite Campus to see student's progress.

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## 4B Materials and Training:

Efforts are made by the school to coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities. Educational resources and training are provided to help parents work with their child to improve their child's progress through Literacy Night. Surveys and/or evaluations are collected for feedback that are provided in English and Spanish. Translators are made available when needed. If COVID guidelines permit these are things that will be planned and held during the 2021-2022 school year.

Open House

Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival

Nevada Reading Week

Field Day

Steam Night

Literacy Night

Parent Teacher Conference

Kids Program Family Involvement Day

Newsletters

Family Day

4C- With the assistance of parents, training will be provided for teachers, staff, and other school personnel in the value of parents as partners in the academic program, how to effectively communicate with parents, and how to work with parents as equal partners in their child's education. Watson encourages parents to come in and volunteer in the classrooms. We are having various activities at night that we will invite the parents to attend to learn how to support their child's educational needs.

4D- Administration and staff will ensure information related to the school, parent programs, meetings and other activities are sent to the parents in an understandable format, and in a language that parents can understand. Parents are invited to the Open House for each grade they have a child attend, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Annual Title Meeting, and many night activities that are offered at the school monthly. The parents are informed through the weekly Tuesday folders of any upcoming events or opportunities they may participate in.

## 4E- Coordination with other programs:

The administration will to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent & family engagement programs and activities with Pre-Kindergarten programs, and other available community resources and programs. Watson offers a variety of assistance programs: Breakfast after the Bell, Universal Free Lunch, School Bell, Title 1 Hope, and 3 square food program, Operation School Bell, Counselor Clothing Club, and dental and medical needs referrals.

4F- Families are made aware of these programs by the counselor and correspondence sent home through the Tuesday folders and website. The nurse makes referrals through screenings of vision and hearing. The parents are made aware through the website. Teacher and staff referrals to the counselor. Title 1 Hope information is displayed in the front office. The clerk makes referrals for school bell.

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1. Parent & Family Engagement Activities:

Parent & Family Engagement activities will be provided that include opportunities for parents to volunteer and become involved in school activities.

- a. Parents are invited to become members of the School Performance Improvement Team.
- b. Parents are invited to become members of the Parent Engagement Team.
- c. Parents are invited to participate in all the different activities on the next page to be part of their child's education.
- d. Parents are invited to come to Open House, Parent/Teacher conferences, and volunteer in the child's classrooms.
- f. Parents are provided access to their child's academic progress and attendance through the Infinite Campus System.
- g. Parents are kept informed of topics such as the State's academic content and achievement standards, state and local assessments, and the requirements of Title I.
- h. Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classes after signing in and receiving a visitor's badge from the front office.
- i. Parents are encouraged to meet with educators to discuss how to provide additional home support for their child's education.
- j. Parents are encouraged to read the school newsletter.
- k. Parents are encouraged to access The Fredric Watson website which provides parents with a variety of information about the school

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