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## **Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024**

### **Parent Engagement Beliefs**

AW James Elementary School faculty and families believe that a school must create an environment that is conducive to learning and that strong, comprehensive parent and family involvement is an important component. Parent and family involvement in education requires a cooperative effort with roles for the Department of Elementary Education, the school district, parents, families, and communities. AW James Elementary School seeks to foster and support active parent and family involvement so that the school, parents and families work together as knowledgeable partners in educating children.

### **Parent Engagement Goals**

- AW James will work to improve school staff resources to create a welcoming school environment, understand and value the importance of parent and family engagement, and maintain strong school to home partnerships.
- AW James will work to improve the ability of staff to work with parents and families.
- AW James will work to increase parent and family participation in school activities which support student achievement.
- AW James will work to improve relationships, communication and collaboration between parents and the school.

### **Parental Involvement and Communication Methods**

AW James faculty and staff will work to ensure parents are involved in the planning, review, improvement, and evaluation of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

- AW James will jointly develop and revise with families, the school parent and family engagement policy and distribute it to parents of participating children, while making available the parent and family engagement plan to the local community.
- AW James will use the findings of the parent and family engagement policy review to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement, and to revise, if necessary, the school's parent and family engagement policy.



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- The school will submit parent and family comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the district office.
- The school will provide each parent and family timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not certified.
- The school will provide each parent and family timely notice information regarding their right to request information on the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals.
- The school will schedule parent and family engagement meetings events both in the morning and evening to accommodate different varying parent schedules.
- Parents will be notified via flyers, SchoolStatus, schoolwide and classroom newsletters or through the use of social media of upcoming events; which involve making decisions about funding for parental involvement activities and provide lists and outlines and agendas of upcoming events with reminders.
- The school's website, the district's website and Facebook will be utilized to provide parents to provide with information and an opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and give input when they are unable to attend events in person.

### **Title I Annual Meeting**

- Parents will be invited to participate in a Federal School-wide planning meeting to discuss the Parent Engagement Plans, Parents' Right to Know, the use of federal funds, budgets, parental involvement policy, and any other pivotal information deemed necessary by Title I.
- The initial Title I meeting will be conducted in August 2023 shortly after the beginning of the school year.
- Follow-up meetings will be conducted at the end of each 9-week reporting period.
- The follow-up meetings will be scheduled both in the morning and evening to accommodate different varying parent schedules.
- Parents will gain a clear understanding about how the Title I program is funded by the federal government and the guidelines of how funds may and may not be spent.
- Parents will be given a description of Title I, how the school qualifies, how funds and resources will be used to benefit the school, parents and students.
- During the meeting an explanation of the purpose and structure of the Parent and Family and Engagement Plan will be provided, as well as an explanation of Parents' Right to Know.



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- A description of how parent engagement can improve student learning and performance
- A description of how Title I provides support in meeting the school's academic goals
- An explanation of the School-Parent Compact
- A breakdown of upcoming events, trainings and workshops for the year
- AW James will conduct parent meetings to give parents the opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations on how we can better serve them, as well as, our students academically.
- Parents will be provided with various resources and information concerning the Title I program.

### **Curriculum and Academic Assessments**

AW James will work to build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. AW James will provide parents of participating children, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible. AW James will also provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. The school will provide assistance in understanding the following topics:

- MS College and Career-Ready Standards
- MDE State Score and Student Individual Score Reports
- The state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
- The requirements of Title I (including testing transparency)
- How to monitor their child's progress using iReady
- How to work with educators and parents as partners

AW James staff will conduct workshops to give parents the opportunity to participate in the daily activities that take place in the classroom. These workshops will be conducted during the teacher's planning time or a time agreed upon between the parents and teacher of the participating students. These workshops will be design to give parents resources to help support their children's educational journey.