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Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2024-2025

Parent Engagement Goal

The goal of the faculty and staff of AW James is to work with parents, community and stakeholders to build strong and effective partnerships that will help families succeed. This partnership will work to increase student achievement by engaging and empowering parents and other stakeholders, to become actively involved in their children's education. It will also lend itself to achieving and maintaining high levels of family involvement and positive family attitudes towards education.

Parent Involvement and Notification

AW James will work to ensure that parents are involved in a continuous, organized and timely manner through various means. Parents will be invited to participate in a Federal School-wide planning meeting to discuss plans, parents' right to know how federal funds will be used, budgets, parental involvement policy and any other pivotal information deemed necessary by Title I.

The initial meeting will be conducted as part of the open house procedures for 2024-2025. As part of the Annual Title I meeting, 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. AW James will conduct monthly 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. AW James will ensure parents are involved in the decision-making process. 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.

Flexible Parent Meetings

AW James will host at least 5 parent meetings. These meetings will offer parents the opportunity to decide whether they will attend during the normal school hours or after school. Based on documented feedback, flexible meetings will be scheduled to accommodate parents. Conferences will be offered during planning times and after school to accommodate the needs...



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The initial meeting will be a part of the open house ceremony. Concurrent meetings will follow at the end of each 9-week period.

The following information will be shared with parents during the Annual Title I Meeting:

- A description of what Title I is, how the school qualifies, how funds and resources will be used to benefit the school, parents and students
- An explanation of the purpose and structure of the Parent and Family and Engagement Plan
- An explanation of Parents' Right to Know
- 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

The meetings conducted at the end of each 9-week reporting period will engage parents in data discussions. Beginning with the 1st 9-week meeting, the following data will be shared with parents:

- The school's overall performance on the most recent MAAP assessment results
- MDE Impact Data Overview
- Individual teacher performance per subject and grade level
- School's overall benchmark data tracker
- Teachers' individual performance per subject and grade level
- Next steps to increase growth potential in teachers and students

The final meeting of the year will be conducted to evaluate Parent and Family Engagement that occurred throughout the school year. The following items will be addressed during this meeting:

- An evaluation of improvement through review of attendees for the Parent and Family Engagement events compared to the previous year's attendance
- Sharing of feedback/input received over the course of the year's Parent and Family Engagement events
- Review and evaluation of how Parent and Family Engagement Title I funds were budgeted and spent
- Allow parents to provide input on how the Parent and Engagement events should be adapted for the upcoming school year, i.e. time, length, communication, notification, etc.



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- Allow parents to provide input on the goals of the plan to be incorporated into the Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the upcoming school year

Curriculum and Academic Assessments

In order to keep parents updated with the curriculum and assessments in use at AW James, the school will implement the following:

- Outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.
- Identify and describe the district and school academic achievement goals for the school year.
- Describe the ways in which the school will provide parents with strategies/activities to assist their child with the high-quality curriculum and instruction delivered in the school's supportive and effective learning environment that enables the child to meet the State's student performance standards.
- Describe the ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning.
- Describe the ways in which students will be responsible for their learning.
- Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum:
 - a) Parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement.
 - b) Frequent reports to parents on their children's progress.
 - c) Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities
- AW James will notify parents through regular meetings about the curriculum that is being implemented, the forms of assessment being used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels set forth by MDE.
- Parents will be encouraged to request meetings in which they can provide suggestions and participate in decisions related to their children's education.
- A testing schedule will be placed on the district website to inform parents of upcoming assessments to allow them to schedule study time with their children at home.