



# Garden Springs Elementary



## 2019-2020 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Garden Springs Elementary School welcomes parents and guardians into their school. We believe parent interest and involvement are important contributors to student learning, positive self-esteem and faculty/staff motivation. Parent/teacher partnerships are vital in the development and continued success of children. Garden Springs Elementary School believes that parent involvement helps to strengthen commitment between home and school. The School Council, in conjunction with the Family Resource Center Director will strive to build strong parent involvement in several ways.

### **The School's role in parental involvement is as follows:**

- Establishing rapport between school and home
- Creating a school climate and atmosphere that invites parental participation
- Encouraging greater communication between school and home
- Conducting a timely annual meeting to inform parents about the Title 1 program as well as gather feedback about the program.

Efforts will be made, during Open House and parent conferences, to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum, state academic content standards, state achievement standards, local academic assessments, student assessment results, and school performance results. Parent conferences and meetings will be held at different times during the day to accommodate all schedules.

Garden Springs faculty and staff will establish open lines of communication between the school and home that may include but are not limited to: written correspondence (newsletters, twitter, facebook, school website, memos, and notes home, email); a minimum of two parent-teacher conferences each year, four progress reports; telephone calls; and parent surveys,

including the Title 1 program survey; access to the Infinite Campus Portal.

Parents will be invited to meet the staff, learn about programs, ask questions, give input and receive feedback by participating in school functions including, but not limited to: Open House, parent-teacher conferences; PTA meetings and activities; training sessions; and SBDM elections and meetings.

Parents are encouraged to serve on school committees set up through the SBDM council.

### **Parents will be expected to:**

- Participate in at least two scheduled parent/teacher conferences per year
- Send in notes within two days of student absence
- Provide time and a space for homework
- Read and/or respond to school communication

### **Parents will be encouraged to do the following:**

- To join PTA
- To attend school sponsored family activities, including the Title 1 Parent Nights
- To participate in volunteering opportunities (contact teacher/PTA for specific opportunities)
- To offer their ideas and suggestions through scheduled conferences with school staff and/or SBDM members
- To serve on standing committees
- To become a SBDM member
- To participate in fall and spring Title 1 Advisory Council meetings to provide feedback and suggestions regarding the Title I program; this includes, but is not limited to, the-Parent Involvement

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Policy, the School-Parent Compact and the School-Wide Plan.

**In the interest of the overall educational experience for all students, parents are to schedule classroom visits, observations, and volunteer opportunities in advance with the teacher and/or principal.**

Efforts will be made to accommodate parents with disabilities and to provide information in the language used at home.

\*\*\*Please note that for the safety and protection of our student, volunteers in the school must comply with Fayette County's background check policy. Visitors must also sign in upon arrival to the school and wear a visitors' badge while on the premise.

\*\*\*Title 1 Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with parent involvement activities.

\*\*\*Information on our Title 1 Program can be found at  
<http://www.gardensprings.fcps.net/title-i>

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