

Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Ashland Elementary 2019-2020

Recognizing the importance of a strong partnership between home and school to achieve success in learning, the parents, families, and staff of Ashland Elementary are committed to establishing and maintaining an ongoing plan of parent and family engagement. Cooperation between parents, families and staff will help provide an equitable education for all students attending Ashland Elementary. Copies of this Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the bulletin board across from the office, on the school website and will be included in the school newsletter. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will provide the following to assist in achieving the goal of improving communication between home and school by:

- An annual meeting (Open House) where staff will provide timely information.
- Family Nights held throughout the year: focused on Literacy, Mindfulness, Wellness, Math, Physical Activity, Fine Arts, flexible training meetings and/or conferences in coordination with the Family Resource Center, social worker, business and community partners will provide assistance to families to help them understand the state's academic content standards. Meetings will focus on how families and teachers work together to improve student achievement.
- Each committee will include a parent member. These committees will be formed as needed.
- A minimum of two scheduled parent/family conferences: the progress of the student will be discussed as well as expectations for the grade level curriculum and test information (evening conferences are scheduled to accommodate families).
- Newsletters informing families of school activities and programs will be sent by the principal and teachers.
- Family communications will be provided in languages to accommodate non-English-speaking parents. Every effort will be made to encourage families to be involved in their child's education. Materials, childcare and transportation will be provided as needed. The school will maintain files on parent and family engagement to serve as a record of documentation.