

#### 6.11: --- PARENT, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - School Board Policy

Nemo Vista School understands the importance of involving parents, families, and the community in promoting higher student achievement and general goodwill between the school and those it serves. Therefore, Nemo Vista School shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in mutually beneficial partnerships with the school, students, parents, and the community.

To achieve such ends, the district shall work to:

1. Involve parents and the community in the development and improvement of Title I programs for the school;
2. Give the schools in the district the support necessary to enable them to plan and implement effective parent, family, and community engagement activities;
3. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the school enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, HIPPOY, Parents as Partners, Parents as Teachers, ABC, ABC for School Success, area Pre-K programs, and Even Start;
4. Explain to parents and the community the State's content and achievement standards, State and local student assessments and how the school's curriculum is aligned with the assessments, and how parents can work with the school to improve their child's academic achievement;
5. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The school may use parent resource centers or other community-based organizations to foster parent and family engagement and provide literacy and technology training for parents.
6. Educate school staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent, family, and community engagement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents, families, and the community;
7. Keep parents, families, and the community informed about parent, family, and community engagement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and families can understand;
8. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents and families from being involved in their child's education. This may include providing transportation and child care to enable parents to participate, arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being flexible with parent/teacher conferences;
9. Find and modify other successful parent, family, and community engagement programs to suit the needs of our school;
10. Train parents, families, and the community to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents, families, and members of the community;
11. Provide reasonable support for other parent, family, and community engagement activities as parents may reasonably request.
12. Ensure the continued improvement of the district's parent, family and community engagement program by conducting an annual review of its parent, family, and community engagement policies to examine their effect on promoting higher student achievement. The review shall be done by a committee consisting of parents and other community members, certified and classified staff, and members of the administration.

#### **Elementary Title I:**

To help promote an understanding of each party's role in improving student learning, Nemo Vista School shall develop a compact that outlines the responsibilities of parents, students, and the school staff in raising student academic achievement and in building the partnerships that will enable students to meet the state's academic standards.

Nemo Vista School shall convene an annual meeting, or several meetings at varying times if necessary to adequately reach parents and families of participating students, to inform parents and families of the school's participation in Title I, its requirements regarding parent, family, and community engagement, and the parent's right to be involved in the education of their child.

Nemo Vista School shall at least annually involve parents, families, and the community in reviewing the school's Title I program and parent, family, and community engagement policy to help ensure their continued improvement.

This policy shall be part of the school's Title I plan, distributed to parents of the district's students, and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 6318 A.C.A. § 6-15-1704 A.C.A. § 6-15-1702  
A.C.A. § 6-28-116 A.C.A. § 6-15-1703

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