# Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy

# **Purpose of this Policy**

This policy describes how the school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning and support a partnership among the school, families and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Dilworth Middle School is a Title I school in the Washoe County School District (WCSD) and uses the Title I grant to improve student achievement and help all students meet the objectives of the challenging Nevada Academic Content Standards; a partnership with families is essential to meeting this goal.

This policy is distributed to all families and the community in English and/or Spanish through the school website, and, if needed, school personnel will help families with different language needs to understand the policy. Families have opportunities to provide comments and feedback on the policy through scheduled site leadership and policy meetings as part of the school's improvement team.

Dilworth Middle School jointly developed/revised this policy on **5/8/2025** with members of the school community and adopted it for the **2025-2026** school year.

## Communication and Accessibility

This school will provide meaningful, timely and family friendly communication with families and opportunities for the participation of all families, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students.

⊠Connect Ed phone calls, emails, and text
⊠Personal phone calls, emails and text
⊠In-person and virtual meetings/spontaneous conversations
□Class Dojo
⊠Social Media
□Newsletters
⊠Flyers
□Remind
⊠School website
☑Interpretation and/or translation as needed
□Canvas/Teams meeting
⊠Other: Family engagement events
☑Other: Parent teacher conferences

## **Meetings**

Meetings may be held in person, virtually and/or hybrid. The school will host a flexible number of meetings, including the Annual Title I meeting, on a variety of topics and may provide funds for transportation, childcare or home visits, as such services relate to family engagement.

#### **Annual Title I Meeting**

Title I information presented to families and community members at the beginning of each school year.

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    School-wide Title I support
    ∑Title I Budget
    ∑Curriculum, Assessments, and Proficiency Levels
    ∑Parents' Right to Know- Teacher qualifications, school performance levels
    ∑Other: Open house event
    □Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
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## **Flexible Meetings**

Some of the topics to be addressed in the meetings include:

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School Curriculum

Academic assessment measures/student progress measures

Achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards

Monitoring child's academic progress (Parent Portal)

School Performance Plan

Flexible Meetings

One-on-one parent meetings requested by family or staff

Cup of coffee meetings

Progress report meetings

Progress report meetings

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Elementary K-5 − Fall

Elementary K-5 − Spring

School-Parent Compact reviewed and signed

Other: One or two monthly events and meetings, and staff requests

Other: Click or tap here to enter text.
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# **Building Capacity**

### Staff

Efforts will be made to educate teachers, instructional support personnel, administrators and other staff on the impact of authentic family engagement through:

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other staff on the impact of authentic family engagement through:

□ Connecting family engagement to learning and development
□ Engaging families as co-creators
□ Honoring family's knowledge as their child's first and most important teacher
□ Creating a welcoming culture
□ Coordinating family engagement programs with other Federal, State, and local programs including pre-school and after-school programs, local nonprofits, etc.
□ Working with Education Alliance to promote partnerships with surrounding businesses
□ Other: One or two monthly events and meetings scheduled throughout the school year as requested by families through parent surveys, meetings, and staff requests
□ Other: Partnerships with community agencies
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## **Building Capacity** (continued)

#### **Families**

Efforts will be made to ensure parents/caregivers are actively engaged in and able to support their child's education including the following:

⊠Ask for family input when developing the School Performance Plan (SPP), Title I Schoolwide Plan, and the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Comments are submitted with the policy to the WCSD district office.

☑Interactive family events to build parent capacity to teach and advocate for their children such as a family literacy night, family learning workshops and classes, the importance of attendance, open labs, how to monitor a child's progress and how to work with teachers, etc.

☑ District and school websites schools' social media have resources such as family guides, practice assessments and tutorials to help support learning at home

⊠Provide information on community resources available for families

Surveying families to find out their needs around supporting their child's learning

⊠Other: Exit surveys after each event to gauge effectiveness of programming and solicit other requests from families