

Betsy Rhodes Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2018-2019

This plan has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the staff of Betsy Rhodes Elementary School and parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title I. Betsy Rhodes Elementary School will hold an annual Title I meeting on August 10, 2018. During this meeting, parents will be presented with Title I information including parent rights and responsibilities, along with funding and budget information. Information will be disseminated in both English and Spanish using the annual Title I presentation. Betsy Rhodes Elementary School held a planning meeting for the Parent and Family Engagement Policy on May 14, 2018 in the school's training room. Parents, staff and administration were given the opportunity to provide suggestions and feedback. The school's parent and family engagement plan will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. Title I documents, including the information presented at the Title I annual meeting and the Parent & Family Engagement Policy will be available on the school website.

District Wide Parent Survey

Parents participated in a district wide survey in the spring of 2018. The results of these questions align with the CCSD Pledge of Achievement Goals 4: Engagement. This goal is measured using questions from the Districtwide Survey in order to provide actual feedback from the parents.

The questions in Goal 4: Engagement:

- I am informed about the current curriculum for my child's grade level.
- My child's school promptly responds to my phone calls, messages, or emails.
- I know what goes on inside my child's school.
- My child's school informs me how fundraising monies are used.
- My child's school involves parents in most school events or activities.
- My child's school sees me as a partner in my child's education.
- The staff at my child's school really value my input and opinions.
- I feel welcome at my child's school.

The average response of Rhodes ES parents that agree or strongly agree with the above statements equaled 87.3%. The CCSD district average equaled 93%.

The districtwide survey results will be used to develop our Parent & Family Engagement Policy, providing valuable information on what the school is doing well and to determine areas that need further improvement. The results demonstrated that Rhodes ES is providing parents with timely information regarding their child's progress and communicating important information related to student achievement, school events and parental involvement activities. The two highest rated questions with more than 90% of parents reporting agree or strongly agree include:

- I feel welcome at my child's school; (91%)
- At this school, the teachers really care about my child: (95%)

One area that should be targeted for improvement is informing parents how fundraising money is spent. This was the lowest rated question, with 81% of parents reporting agree or strongly agree and 19% of parents reporting disagree or strongly disagree. Rhodes Elementary School will communicate with families what the monies raised from school fundraiser(s) will be earmarked through the school's website as well as newsletters sent out through the ParentLink system. In the spring of 2019, a letter will be sent home with each student, and posted to the school's website, detailing the efforts of fundraising funds at the school as well as how those funds were used for the school during the 2018-2019 school year.

Results of the annual districtwide survey will be provided on the school website and discussed during parenting events held throughout the school year. This will help us reach a wide audience and remind parents to participate in the survey on a yearly basis.

Betsy Rhodes Elementary School will continue its efforts to increase participation in the district wide survey. Rhodes ES will provide announcements and reminders through various media including: the school website, flyers, and the Parentlink communication system.

School Performance Plan

The School Performance Plan (SPP) will be finalized in October, 2018. The plan will be created utilizing the Clark County School District's template and include administration, staff and parents. Parents will be invited to provide input during the SOT meeting held in May and the annual meeting in the fall. Parents will continue to be involved during the School Organizational Team meetings. Once the initial draft is complete, the entire staff and parents will review it during a community meeting. Changes will be discussed and the SPP will be finalized. Upon approval, the SPP will be available for download on the school website. Betsy Rhodes Elementary School will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way to assist with the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, School Performance Plan and Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Educational Involvement Accords

The Educational Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review Accords prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accords. The Educational Involvement Accords will be discussed annually during parent/teacher conferences and other occasions as necessary.

Parent Involvement in the Academic Achievement of Students

Betsy Rhodes Elementary will provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic content and achievement standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title I and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of the student.

Administration and staff will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards.

Family curriculum nights in math and language arts will be held to educate parents in the school's curriculum. Parents will learn about the core programs being implemented including: Core Knowledge Language Arts, Eureka Math, Moby Max, Flying Start to Literacy and FOSS.

Betsy Rhodes Elementary will offer parent involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved. Parents are encouraged to participate in these types of activities which will include the following:

- Teacher assistance
- Rhodes ES special events including Field Day, Incentive Night and PTA sponsored events
- Parent Teacher Conferences

Betsy Rhodes Elementary will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve the student's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. Betsy Rhodes Elementary will provide access to educational resources for parents to use together with their children. Information on utilizing the Infinite Campus parent portal to monitor student progress and grades will be provided in trainings and available on the school website.

The Betsy Rhodes faculty has the opportunity to participate in family engagement courses offered by the CCSD FACES department. Rhodes ES looks forward to its partnership with FACES as we seek out new ways to involve parents and families in the education of their children.

The administration will, **with the assistance of parents**, educate teachers, pupil service personnel, principals and other staff in:

- The value and utility of contributions of parents
- How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners
- Implementing and coordinating parent programs
- Building ties between parents and the school

The school will communicate in a variety of ways to ensure that parents have the most up-to-date information regarding curriculum, instruction and parent involvement. The school will utilize seasonal newsletters, the school website, ParentLink, community resources, and flyers to provide current information about school programming. All information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities will be distributed in a language parents can understand.

The administration will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Las Vegas Safe Key and conduct other activities such as Parent University courses that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

Rhodes Elementary School will provide reasonable support within our power for parental involvement activities as parents may request. This includes but is not limited to: child care during meetings, parent comment or suggestion sheets. Parents are invited to attend monthly School Organizational Team (SOT) meetings to provide suggestions on increasing parental involvement. Evaluations will be provided during academic nights to elicit feedback on additional

parental involvement support. The SOT and school leadership committee will address any needs communicated throughout the year.