

CUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Parent Involvement Policy

Part I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Cutler Elementary School agrees to implement the following:

The school will jointly develop with parents and distribute to parents of participating children, a School Parent Involvement Policy that the school and parents of participating children and parents of migratory students agree on:

- The school will notify parents about the School Parent Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.
- The school will make the School Parent Involvement Policy available to the local community.
- The school will annually update the School Parent Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- The school will adopt the school's school-parent compact as a component of its School Parent Involvement Policy.
- The school agrees to be governed by the following definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and attend meetings and trainings for parents;
- that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- the carrying out of other activities that serve to increase parent involvement.

Part II. Implementation of Cutler Elementary School's Parental Involvement Policy

1. Cutler Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and joint agreement of its School Parent Involvement Policy and its school-wide plan, if applicable, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way. This shall be achieved through:

- Parent surveys
- Input by English Learner Advisory Council
- Input and consent by School Site Council
- Input by School Advisory Committee

2. Cutler Elementary School will take the following actions to distribute to parents of participating children, parents of migratory students and the local community, the School Parent Involvement Policy:

- Posting policy on Cutler Elementary School website
- Making it available from the school office
- Providing policy to parent/guardian upon student enrollment

3. The Cutler Elementary School Site Council will annually review and update its School Parent Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

4. Cutler Elementary School will convene an annual meeting to inform parents of the following:

- The requirements of Title I
- Of the parents right to be involved
- About their school's participation in Title I

5. Cutler Elementary School will hold a flexible number of meetings at varying times, and provide child care, paid for with Title I funding as long as these services relate to parental involvement.

6. Cutler Elementary School will provide timely information about Title I programs to parents of participating children and parents of migratory students in a timely manner through:

- An annual informational letter mailed to each student household
- An annual Title I parent meeting

7. Cutler Elementary School will provide to parents of participating children and parents of migratory students a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet:

- Upon parent request
- Quarterly Parent Teacher Conference
- With mailings of CAASPP and ELPAC parent reports

8. Cutler Elementary School will provide parents of participating children and parents of

migratory students, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

9. Cutler Elementary School will submit to the district any parent comments if the school-wide plan is not satisfactory to parents of participating children.

Part III. Shared Responsibilities for high academic achievement

1. Cutler Elementary School will build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among Cutler Elementary School, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the activities specifically described below:

- Parent Training/Nights via Zoom and in-person
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- School Site Council
- School Advisory Committee
- English Learner Advisory Committee
- Parental access to the Teacher/Parent Resource library and other resources such as web sites, parent organizations, etc.
- PTA

2. Cutler Elementary School will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its School Parent Involvement Policy.

3. Cutler Elementary School will, with the assistance of its district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following, by communicating with parent through the School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Council, Parent Institute, and informational mailings to each household:

- The State's academic content standards
- The State's student academic achievement standards
- The State and local academic assessments
- The requirements of Title I
- How to monitor their student's progress
- How to work with educators

4. Cutler Elementary School will, with the assistance of its district, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement by surveying parents through:

- School Site Council
- English Learner Advisory Council
- School Advisory Committee
- Annual Title I parent survey

5. Cutler Elementary School will, with the assistance of its district and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, and administrative staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

6. Cutler Elementary School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Accessibility

Cutler Elementary provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language which parents understand.

- Translators are available upon request
- The County Office has available a person certified in American Sign Language that can be utilized to provide support to deaf parents
- Migratory correspondence letters are mailed to the address on record as well as sent home with student(s)

Part IV. Adoption

The Cutler Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs as evidenced by the approval Cutler Elementary School Site Council.

This policy was adopted by Cutler Elementary School and the Cutler Elementary School Site Council on June 18, 2021 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or after June 18, 2021. It will be made available to the local community on or after June 18, 2021. Cutler Elementary School's notification to parents of this policy will be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provide a copy of this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.

Approved by School Site Council on June 18, 2021.