

Northlake Elementary 2025-2026

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Northlake Elementary will jointly develop with, agree upon, and distribute to parents a written parent involvement policy that will address the following six (6) statements:

1. Involve parents in the joint development of the school's plan and the school review and improvement process through a planning questionnaire, recommendation form, and by working directly on the planning committees. This will be met by:

- a) distributing copies of the proposed and final applications, needs assessment, budget, evaluation, state and federal laws and regulations;
- b) providing meeting space and staff availability for further regular meetings of parents;
- c) offering training programs for parents; and d) reviewing other reasonable requests.

2. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and support for effective parent involvement, through the parent involvement coordinator, and guidance counselors, to improve student achievement and school performance through parenting workshops, various committees, and other methods that may be suggested by parental contacts.

3. Build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parent involvement through:

- a) at least one scheduled conference between individual parents and teachers each year;
- b) the solicitation of parents' suggestions in the planning, development and operation of the program by sending a planning questionnaire to parents;
- c) requesting parental input by discussing the program of the current year and by allowing input by parents in the planning of the program for the next fiscal year;
- d) requiring all parents, students, and principals to sign a promise of commitment (compact) to affirm their responsibilities as a team;
- e) reporting to each child's parent(s) on the child's progress by sending reports home at the end of and halfway through each grading period;
- f) providing training for parents on how to help their children academically; and
- g) providing information, programs, and activities for parents in a language and the form that they can understand.

4. Coordinate and integrate parent involvement under other programs.

5. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy to determine:

a) the effectiveness of increasing parent participation; and,

b) barriers to participation as.

Note: Parents will be given recommendation forms to indicate any barriers to greater parent participation and to determine possible steps to overcome those barriers for the next fiscal year. Minutes of any meetings and a summary of recommendations will be maintained.

7. Use such findings to design strategies for school improvement and revise the District and school parental involvement policies.

Parent Comments

Parents' input will be solicited in the spring of each year.