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# Northern Hills 26-27 Title 1 Parent & Family Engagement Policy

## Overview

It is the purpose of Northern Hills Elementary, in a cooperative effort with parents, teachers, and the community, to plan and implement Title 1 site programs to empower students to succeed in a changing society. We recognize the word "parent" has several meanings. "Parent" may include guardians and other family members involved in supervising the child's education. Programs and practices will be established to meet the diverse needs, language and cultures of students and parents.

## Elements of Effective Programs

**Northern Hills will hold meetings, including but not limited to an annual meeting, to which all parents of participating Title 1 children are invited. All parent meetings will consist of the following:**

- **Communication between home an school is regular, two-way and meaningful-**

This two-way communication will occur in a variety of ways, such as: school visits, phone calls, parent conferences, Take-Home Folders, report cards, parent compacts, Social Media, Newsletters, Videos and Emails.

- **Responsible parenting is promoted and supported-** Northern Hills will work with community agencies to link parents to family support services and resources in the community as needed.
- **Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning-** Parents can be an effective partners in helping to raise a student's academic achievement and self-esteem. Northern Hills will develop positive relationship's and enlist the support of parents to develop a strong support system to help insure academic success for each student.
- **Parents partnership is highly valued-** Northern Hills will seek out the support and assistance of parents. Parents have a right to access educational records and vital information concerning their child's strengths, challenges and accomplishments.
- **Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families-** Northern Hills is committed to involving parents in the decision-making process. We will actively seek parent participation and input on school related issues.
- **Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning-**When we work together, both are strengthened in every aspect. Community members will share their expertise and support teachers and students throughout the year.

## Professional Developement

Northern Hills recognizes the importance of setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parent involvement. We will participate in professional development activities which assists teachers and staff in areas of communicating with parents. We will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement. We will help parents understand state and district standards, home-to-school acitivites in the subjects of reading and math, and Title 1 programs and services.

## Committment to Implementations

**This policy will be made available to all parents of Title 1 students attending Northern Hills. School planning processes will include:**

1. **A school/parent compact for teaching and learning.**
2. **Parent participation/input in school improvement and learning.**
3. **Distribution of information related to school goals, academic content standards, and student progress measures on performance and assessments.**
4. **Implementaion of proven strategies for engaging parents to support student learning.**

## Commitment to Evaluation

**Northern Hills ensures that parents will participate in an evaluation of the content and effect of this policy on the success of students. The evaluation will be used to improve and/or create practices to enhance parent involvement in education.**