



Benjamin Franklin Elementary/Middle Mathematics and Science School

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SCHOOL SCHOOL PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Benjamin Franklin Elementary /Middle Mathematics and Science School value parent engagement in the education of children. To ensure effective parent engagement, the school staff will fulfill the following responsibilities.

A. Benjamin Franklin Elementary/Middle Mathematics and Science School will involve parents in the joint development of the Title I plan, Parent Engagement Policy, School-Parent Compact, and the process of school review and improvement through the following activities:

- Review the purposes and major strategies of the Title I program and parent involvement;
- Assist parents in understanding topics such as the State's academic content and achievement standards, State and local assessment, annual yearly progress, and effective monitoring of their child's academic work and achievement;
- Review results of parent surveys, program evaluations, and achievement data for the annual school review and use these data as needed to modify Parent Engagement Policy.

B. Benjamin Franklin Elementary/Middle Mathematics and Science School will coordinate services and assistance to plan and implement effective parent engagement activities to improve student achievement and school performance through the following:

- Provide materials and training to enable parents to work with children to support their academic achievements, such as through literacy training and instructional technology;
- Provide training to school staff and principal to strengthen parent involvement efforts, including collaborative community outreach activities;
- Provide parents information about Title I programs, services, parent engagement opportunities, parental rights, plan review processes, and school improvement levels;
- Provide appropriate support services for students to assist with the home-school connection and with students' academic achievement.

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C. Benjamin Franklin Elementary/ Middle Mathematics and Science School will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental engagement through the following:

- Collaborate with PTO, community agencies, and business to provide trainings and activities that build capacity for parents to assist learning and participation in school processes, such as classroom volunteering, academic content assistance, career explorations, or parenting activities;
- Distribute to schools the comments and recommendations from all district Parent Advisory Board meetings;
- Collaborate with district and community resources to provide parents flexible schedules for a variety of parenting skills classes, academic development activities, literacy programs, and homework assistance.

D. Benjamin Franklin Elementary/Middle Mathematics and Science School will coordinate parent engagement activities with those of other programs in the following areas:

- State-run preschool programs to support academic transition and success;
- Parent resources among coordinated programs to promote literacy, parenting skills, students' academic achievement, and parents' participation in the education of children;
- Parental assistance among school, family, and support services for students' entry into school and their continued academic success.

E. Benjamin Franklin Elementary/Middle Mathematics and Science School will conduct, with the engagement of parents, an annual evaluation of the Parent Engagement Policy that will include identifying barriers to greater parent participation in volunteering in the classroom and in other school activities. Special attention will be addressed to the following:

- Soliciting input from parents through a variety of means;
- Involving parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, or have limited English proficiency;
- Involving parents of all races and ethnic backgrounds and of all educational levels;
- Using evaluation results to revise, if needed, the Parent Engagement Policy.

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F. Benjamin Franklin Elementary/Middle Mathematics and Science School will involve parents in the activities of Title I schools and forward all information to parents related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities in a format and, to the extent practical, in a language parents can understand in the following ways:

- Host an annual meeting of parents, school staff members, and appropriate support staff members to share effective activities for increasing parent involvement;
- Maintain participation records for all district-wide parent involvement activities;
- Solicit parent input on the effectiveness of involvement opportunities as they relate to the support of education;
- Publicize annually the results of evaluations and parent involvement programs.

G. Benjamin Franklin Elementary/Middle Mathematics and Science School will make accommodations to support parent engagement at the school level through the following:

- Arrange school and parent meetings at a variety of times and locations or conduct in-home conferences between parents and teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children;
- Encourage parent engagement by providing reasonable and necessary transportation and childcare to enable participation in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- Provide training of parents, if needed, to train other parents to enhance the involvement;
- Establish a district-wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental engagement in programs supported by the law.
- Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request;
- Provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Title I law in an easy to read format and, to the extent practical, in a language that parents understand.
- Provide information regarding parent classes that teach English to speakers of other languages.



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Parent Engagement Policy

1. I agree to participate in the education of my child.

I will make sure that my child reports to school on time daily. I will encourage my child to participate actively in instruction and complete all assignments to the best of his/her ability.

2. I will encourage positive behavior in my child.

I recognize the importance of a structured and disciplined learning environment for the success of my child and for all children in Benjamin Franklin Elementary School Family.

3. I will work in cooperation with the teachers, administrators and staff of Benjamin Franklin Elementary/Middle School.

I understand that education is a team effort and that my child will benefit when the adults in his/her life are working together in a positive manner.

4. I will attend, to the best of my ability, all scheduled report card conferences and teacher/ administrative conferences.

5. I will participate in as many school and parent organization activities as my schedule allows.

I know that parent participation and involvement is key to my child's success.

Printed name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Student Homeroom Teacher

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