

Forman Elementary School

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2023-2024

Forman Elementary Mission Statement:

Forman is a school family that ensures that all students experience one year of social, emotional, and academic growth.

General Expectations:

Forman believes that student academic achievement requires the following;

- An understanding of curriculum;
- Grade level standards;
- Assessments;
- District/school policies and procedures.

Forman partners with district staff, families, and the community to strengthen student growth. Forman is committed to providing assistance to at-risk students. It agrees to implement the following requirements:

- With the help of parents, provide programs, activities and encourage the involvement of parents in Title I, Part A programs
- Work with schools to make sure the required school-level parent involvement policies meet federal requirements, including a school-parent compact.
- Forman will provide opportunities for all to engage in their child's education.
- Information and school reports are provided in an understandable layout in a language parents understand.

Implementation of School Parent Involvement Components:

Forman Elementary School shall work in partnership with parents and guardians and shall actively support the schools and parents to increase parent involvement by:

- Respecting parents as **partners** in the education of their children.

Parents are included in *policy decisions* and the development, evaluation, and review of the school parent involvement policy and Title I Program. Grade level goals and the state and district testing schedules are provided to parents. Students needing extra assistance are invited to participate in programs that support academic success.

- Encouraging a **welcoming** and **supportive environment** for parents.

Forman has a full-time *parent liaison* to increase parent communication and build relationships and partnerships with parents and community members. Forman has two *counselors* who support both student and family needs. *Office staff* are expected to be welcoming and sensitive to the needs of all parents. Beginning and ending year *surveys* are available for campus and district use to identify needs and monitor progress of program goals.

- Coordinating efforts and technical assistance to meet the **needs of parents** through various campus programs. Examples may include tutorials, Community Outreach program (mobile computer classroom for parents); mentorship for students through our partnership with Woodcreek Church; campus level parenting programs, adult ESL and literacy programs, etc.

- Valuing the need for **partnerships** between Forman and the **community**. Forman actively seeks resources to support academic and parent programs at our campus and our Community Outreach Program.

- Establishing and promoting **two-way communication** as a source of trust and understanding between the school and parents. This is accomplished through parent-teacher meetings, parent-principal meetings, frequent communication, campus newsletters, email, campus and district web pages, phone calls, parent meetings, etc. Information and school reports are provided in an understandable layout, and when practical, in a language parents understand.

Parents/Guardians are asked and encouraged to be involved in their children's learning and education by:

- Participating in **training opportunities** including strategies to reinforce learning at home, discipline, and understanding cultural differences. Parenting classes, ESL classes for adults, academic and cultural nights, computer literacy, programs driven by parent feedback, and improve student academic achievement.

- Participating in site-based **leadership** and **decision-making** through the District Parent Involvement Federal Programs Committee, PTA and campus Site Based Improvement Committee, which helps us develop and implement a viable Campus Improvement Plan.

- **Volunteering** in their children's schools through mentoring programs, field trips, classroom support, etc.

- Supporting **partnerships** within the community through participation in programs such as local area restaurant fund raising, faith based organizations, business partnerships, Plano Police Department, etc.