

## **Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024**

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by Reynaldo Martinez Elementary School staff and the parents of students served in the school according to Title

1. Reynaldo Martinez Elementary School will hold an annual parent meeting on the last Tuesday of August each year. It was held on August 29, 2024. Parents were asked to review this policy, they were explained their rights and responsibilities of parents, and to look at parent survey results. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be distributed to parents and made available to the community on our school Website and in the front office

1B. Based on Parent/Student/Staff survey results the following information will be focus for us at Martinez:

- The School actively seeks input from parents before making important decisions. (70%)

It was determined that parents did not access the opportunities to make these decisions via the SOT meetings, and that we would find more attainable means for involving parents. Google Survey and monthly parent meetings will be held to allow parents the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns to help us improve our communication and decision making on important school decisions. The School SOT team will also be an avenue of communication for all parents.

2. According to the District Wide Parent Survey the following trend data has been reported.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mxRqeC49vLrbM6L3nPWm9zi3r8ZJFPbA/view?usp=sharing>

3. Reynaldo Martinez Elementary School will send flyers and newsletters, along with phone calls, and social media to invite parents to be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title 1 programs, School Performance Plan, and Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Meetings, beginning in September, will be held on a monthly basis to discuss and involve the parents in these programs, as well as other programs that will help to enhance the parent engagement. Monthly Parent Connection meetings were also held to help parents better understand how to engage in their child's education. All parents will be granted equal participation to all activities and meetings throughout the year, and translation services will be provided as needed.

The Educational Involvement Accord is integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review the Accord prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accord whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions. Parents will be given copies of the Educational Accord during conferences with administration as well as with teachers.

4A. The school will provide formal parent teacher conferences to help and assistance parents in understanding such topics as the State's content and achievement standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title 1, how to monitor their child's academic progress, as well as how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of their child.

\*Parents participate throughout the year in parent/teacher conferences where the teacher explains how they can help their child at home and how to monitor their child's academic progress through monthly progress reports/classroom expectations that are sent home. These reports will be explained to parents in the Fall, during Parent Conferences. Progress Reports will be accessible to parents at all times through Infinite Campus. Parents will receive on-line reminders that progress reports will be sent home, and the school website will be update and enhanced to improve parent participation.

\*Parents will also receive a monthly newsletter which includes information about the school curriculum, testing, school events, and tips on how parents can assist their child with homework and school related activities. A curriculum guide outlining student expectations and grade level end of year proficiency standards will be sent home for parent awareness and academic guidance.

4B. Parents attend monthly trainings in person at school and get materials and learn literacy, math, and other strategies and activities, which they can use at home with their child. Parents are a part of the Library Committee, and the School Organization team. Parents also participate in monthly After School Parent meetings. Efforts will be made to increase the number of parents that participate in these school activities through the use of house incentives.

The school will also provide parents additional resources to work with their child at home. Martinez also hosts several parent nights throughout the year, including Family Nights, Family Dance, and other events that will encourage participation. The goal of these evenings is to build community, parent, and family engagement. These events will be contingent on local pandemic rules and regulations.

4C. On a monthly basis, with assistance from the parents, the school administration will hold professional development activities to educate the staff on how to communicate effectively with parents and how to view parents as equal partners in the education of their child. This is also a part of our Leadership trainings. In addition, the staff will go out into the community and host community events, with the goal being four community events in the school year.

4D. All information related to school and parent programs and activities is sent home in both English and Spanish and in an understandable and uniform format. Additional information to include food, utility assistance, and childcare resources specific to the needs of families, will be addressed by the school's social emotional team on an individual basis.

4E. Martinez school administration will involve and encourage parents to participate in programs such as: Pre-Kindergarten program, and the monthly Parent Connection meetings. Other community partners, such as Community in Schools, Future Smiles, North Las Vegas Police, and Three Square will be invited to the school during the year to inform parents of programs and activities available for their child. Spread the Word Nevada will also provide parents and families free books and programs on a monthly basis in the area of Literacy.

4F. Parents will have virtual access to all teachers and administration as needed as well as in person meetings. School website also allows parents to email administration directly questions or concerns. School social emotional learning team is readily available to meet the ongoing needs of families and are available each day.