

Tom Hawkins Elementary School
Title 1 Family Engagement

Dear Families,

Tom Hawkins Elementary School recognizes the critical role that families play in the education of their children. As a Title 1 school, Tom Hawkins School is committed to fostering strong partnerships between families, school staff, and the community to ensure the academic success and well-being of every student. The purpose of this Parent Engagement Policy is to develop a shared vision of commitment to involving families in a meaningful way and provide ways to create a supportive environment for collaborative decision-making.

At Tom Hawkins Elementary School, we believe that active and informed family involvement contributes significantly to the success of our students. Our Title 1 Parent Engagement efforts aim to:

Create a Welcoming Environment:

- Foster an open and inclusive atmosphere where all families feel valued and welcome.
- Provide communication materials in a language and format accessible to all families.
- Conduct outreach activities to encourage family involvement.

Involve Families in Decision-Making:

- Encourage and facilitate family participation in school decision-making processes.
- Elect a parent to represent Hawkins at the district Parent Advisory Committee Meetings to provide input on key issues..

Build Capacity for Parental Involvement:

- Offer workshops, training sessions, and resources to enhance the ability of families to support their child's education.
- Collaborate with community organizations to provide additional resources and support for families.

Foster Regular and Meaningful Communication:

- Maintain open lines of communication between school staff and families through regular newsletters, emails, and school websites.
- Conduct parent-teacher conferences and other events to discuss student progress, curriculum, and school activities.

Provide Opportunities for Family Participation:

- Encourage families to volunteer in the classroom, attend school events, and participate in extracurricular activities.
- Foster a sense of shared responsibility for the success of all students.

Implement Strategies to Engage Families of Title 1 Students:

- Design targeted strategies to involve families of students who receive Title 1 services.
- Provide information on Title 1 programs, services, and resources available to eligible students.

Evaluation and Review:

- The Title 1 Family Engagement Policy will be reviewed annually by the Parent Advisory Committee to assess its effectiveness and make necessary revisions.
- Feedback from families and staff will be considered in the evaluation process to ensure the ongoing improvement of family involvement practices.

I look forward to working together to create the best school environment for students and families.

Sincerely,

Fiona Bessette
Principal
Tom Hawkins Elementary School