

Esperanza Global Academy
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY 2023-2024

The administration, staff and parents of Esperanza Global Academy believe that the improved academic achievement of each student is a responsibility shared by the entire school community, including the school district, community members, school administration, staff, students, and parents (as defined for purposes of this policy to include guardians and all members of a student's family involved in the student's education). Our Parental Involvement Policy outlines the parent involvement activities that will be conducted during the school year. Our Parental Involvement Policy was designed by a school-based team of administrators, teachers, teacher assistants, parents, and PTA/PTO members.

Annual Information Meeting/Back to School Night

We will hold an Annual Title I Review/Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 5:30pm. This meeting will give parents the opportunity to learn about the Pre-K through 4th grade curriculum and provide input for school improvement and parent involvement initiatives we have as a Title I School.

This meeting will also provide information regarding:

- A description and explanation of the curriculum, assessment forms, and proficiency levels and state standards.
- Our school performance profile
- An explanation of our instructional program
- A discussion of the importance of homework, attendance, tardiness, and feelings about school

Flexible Meeting Times

This year we will ensure maximum parental involvement in school opportunities and meetings by using a flexible schedule.

Title I Part A Planning/Regular Communication

Communication with parents is crucial for student academic success. This year Esperanza Global Academy will use a variety of methods to communicate with our parents and school community.

1. Open House: Open House and Orientation events are scheduled each August to provide parents with the opportunity to meet faculty and staff of our school, tour our beautiful campus, and meet their child's teacher.
2. ParentSquare: A safe and secure platform for all school-to-home communication. Each user is able to select their preferred language and all communication is automatically translated in the app.
3. Parent Handbook: A Parent Handbook is available on our website that outlines important policies and procedures for our school.
4. Parent Teacher Conferences: Fall Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday-Tuesday, November 6-7, 2023. Teachers will be available to review your child's progress and answer any questions you may have. Parents may schedule additional conferences as needed.

Esperanza Global Academy Learning Compact & Expectations

Parents will receive a copy of the Esperanza Global Academy Learning Compact & Expectations. We believe that our students do their best through the teamwork of parents, families, students and school staff. The learning compact is an agreement between Esperanza Global Academy families and the school that describes how we will work together to support student learning during the 2023-2024 school year. This document will be sent home with learning materials during our Open House on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

Building Parent Involvement Capacity

Parent Workshops & Family Events: Esperanza Global Academy will offer periodic workshops and family events directed to enhance parent awareness in the different topics related to education.

School Improvement Planning: Parents are encouraged to participate in school improvement planning for our school by participating in the school improvement team, providing feedback, participating in the PTO and more!

School Leadership Team: Parents may serve as members of the School Improvement Team of Esperanza Global Academy. This team is charged with drafting the School Improvement Plan annually.

Providing Feedback: All parents may share their thoughts, hopes, and ideas for increasing student achievement at Esperanza Global Academy and enhancing our school culture.

School Leadership Team Meetings: All parents are invited and encouraged to participate in our School Leadership Team meetings where we will discuss the School Improvement Plan and track progress towards our goals.

Parents of Multilingual and Exceptional Students

We will provide full access to parental involvement activities for parents of Exceptional Children and Limited English Proficiency. The school will translate the documents that will be sent home to parents and will also have interpretation available when needed to facilitate the communication between staff and parents.

Reservation of Funds for Parental Involvement

Esperanza Global Academy will reserve Title I Funds to carry out our parent involvement activities. We will request parent feedback for recommendations for using Parent Involvement funds through our PTO, SLT (School Leadership Team), and during Parent Involvement activities.

Annual Evaluation

As a school community, we will review the effectiveness of our parent involvement policy in improving our school during our Annual Title I Meeting and School Improvement Planning process.

We invite you to call the school to ask any questions you may have or to schedule a visit or meeting. It is our hope that all children will have a wonderful learning experience at Esperanza Global Academy. Parents are encouraged to participate in the School Leadership Team, Parent Teacher Association and other school activities. Parents are also welcomed to submit Parent Involvement activity requests to our Parent Involvement Committee. As always, Esperanza Global Academy will be sensitive to the cultural background of parents, students and the community in general and will provide a welcoming environment for all.