

# **Eagle Ridge Academy Title 1 School Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Procedure 2022-23**

Eagle Ridge Academy is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in our district. We want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to support high achievement of our children. We can't do this job alone. Parents and families play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way.

## **Part I. Description of how the District and School will Implement Required Components**

1. Eagle Ridge Academy will engage parents and families who have Title I students in developing/revising the district and school policy.
2. Eagle Ridge Academy will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, when the parents of participating children are available to attend. The Title I annual meeting will inform parents about the Title I program, explain the requirements of parent and family engagement and the rights and responsibilities of the parents to be involved. This meeting will be held in conjunction with either fall (October) or spring (February) parent teacher conferences for parent convenience. We will take into account as much as possible what might work best for parents and families prior to scheduling.
3. Eagle Ridge Academy will offer flexible meeting times during morning, evening or weekends and may provide transportation, childcare or home visits. We will provide a range of options in terms of day of the week and variety of times when we gauge interest from parents. We will offer a contact for parents who wish to attend but are unable so that we can communicate with them to best understand the barrier and how the school might help them overcome it to enable attendance.
4. Eagle Ridge Academy will involve parents in the planning and review of the school improvement plan and the joint development of the schoolwide plan when applicable. If the schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to the parents, submit comments on the plan when submitted to the district. [Section 1114(b)]  
Parents will be surveyed by our school board in conjunction with their work on strategic planning. They will also be invited to attend small group meetings to provide additional feedback. CISA, our committee which oversees World's Best Workforce will send out an annual survey which includes opportunities for parents to provide feedback related to school improvement. That data is then reviewed, and recommendations made by CISA and the district leadership team.
5. Eagle Ridge Academy will provide assistance to parents of Title students:
  - a. Timely information about programs offered to engage in their child's education.
  - b. An explanation of the curriculum, state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, and the achievement levels of the state academic standards.
  - c. If they request, opportunities for regular meetings to hear their suggestions and participate in decisions related to their child's education.

- d. Parent Teacher conferences, parent book studies, Classical parent meetings, school newsletters, whole school events, as well as individual teacher websites will offer a variety of resources and activities for parents.

## **Part II. Description of the Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement**

Eagle Ridge Academy will jointly develop with Title I parents a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement to meet the State academic standards. The compact should:

1. Describe the curriculum and instruction that help their student meet the state standards, identify where their child is performing and discuss ways the parent can support their child's education at home and at school.
2. Talk about the importance of the teachers and parents communicating on an ongoing basis at a minimum:
  - a. Conduct a parent-teacher conference in elementary schools, at least annually, during which time the compact is discussed as it relates to the individual child.
  - b. Provide frequent reports to parents on their children's progress.
  - c. Provide information on how parents can contact staff and staff can best contact parents, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities.
  - d. Make sure that two-way meaningful communication between family members and school staff is addressed and when at all possible, is in a language the parents and family members can understand.

## **Part III. Accessibility**

Eagle Ridge Academy will meet the requirements of parent and family engagement of Title I, to the extent practicable, we will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.

Eagle Ridge Academy uses its website to translate information. Our school newsletter, The Eagle Eye, also uses a translation platform, communications regarding conferences, meetings, and opportunities will be communicated in a variety of manners and use a variety of platforms, to include official social media platforms as much as possible to encourage attendance and participation. Eagle Ridge Academy will take into account the choice of activities that will allow for the most participation by families.

## **Part IV. Adoption**

The Eagle Ridge Academy Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Procedure has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by CISA and other meeting minutes and sign-in sheets.

On September 19, 2022 the Eagle Ridge Academy Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be in effect for the period of the school year. Eagle Ridge Academy will distribute this policy/procedure to all parents of participating Title I children and make it available to the community.