

McKean Elementary School
School Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2023-24

The McKean Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy was developed with and agreed upon by the parents of the building's children.

1. During the August PTA planning meeting, school staff and parents will plan, review, and revise the McKean Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy based on the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) guidelines. The plan is then presented for formal adoption during the Annual Title I meeting/Open House/Curriculum Night.
2. McKean Elementary School will invite and encourage all parents and families to participate in the Annual Title I meeting. The meeting will inform parents of their school's Title I program and explain the requirements of Title I and their right to be involved in the process.
3. Parent meetings, including parent conferences, will be held at flexible times during the school year and school day.
4. Parents will be involved on an organized and ongoing basis in the planning, review and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and in the joint development of the schoolwide Title I program. These meetings will take place in August, January, and May.
5. To provide parents and families with timely information about the school's Title I program, it will be reviewed during the annual meeting, a copy of the plan will be made available on the school's website, if requested, a written copy will be made in a format and language that a parent can understand.
6. Parents of participating children are provided with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet, including but not limited to the following: PSSA parent reports, DIBELS and any other available assessment information provided to parents, report cards, progress reports, and parent information provided on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website.
7. The McKean Elementary School provides, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and to respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
8. Parents will be involved in the development of the Schoolwide Program Plan. Planning meetings will take place in August, January, and May. The new Schoolwide plan will be developed by reviewing the current year's plan. Then the team will use student progress monitoring data, professional development needs assessments and parent involvement needs assessments. The team will consist of members of the Building Advisory Committee, PTA Board members and school administration.
9. If the schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to the Title I parents, they may submit comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the LEA (Local Educational Agency).

10. McKean Elementary School has developed with parent involvement, a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff and the students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement.
11. Through parent conferences, teachers assist parents understand the state's academic content standards and student achievement standards, local academic assessments and how to monitor their child's progress, and to work with teachers to improve the achievement of their children.
12. The McKean Elementary School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent involvement.
13. During the opening faculty meeting in August, members of the PTA will meet with faculty members to share the importance of parent involvement in the school. Parents and teachers should work together to develop parent programs and build ties between parents and the school.
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15. Transition meetings for new students and families will be held in August and April. These meetings will provide information about the school curriculum, encourage parent participation in the school and various other programs. Families who enroll during the school year will receive the same information as part of an individual orientation meeting. Parents and family members from local preschools and GECAC HeadStart programs will be invited to participate in parent involvement programs, meetings, and workshops.
16. Workshops and meetings will continue to be provided for specifically adopted programs, models, and strategies in the school. Regularly distributed flyers, such as the weekly school bulletins, will continue to be provided to parents of participating children in a format and in a language that parents can understand.
17. To inform and engage all family members, to the extent practical, McKean Elementary School ensures that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities will be sent to parents and family members who have limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities and family members of migratory children. Interpreters will also be made available upon parent request.