

Adelanto Elementary School District

Eagle Ranch Elementary

School-Level Parental Engagement Policy

2015-2016 - Partnerships for Learning Network

Policy Engagement:

Eagle Ranch Elementary recognizes that **parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers** and that continued **parental engagement in the education of children contributes greatly to student achievement and conduct**. A parent engagement policy and Title I (*Federal*) program shall be an integral component of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) that promotes a meaningful partnership between the school, the home, and the community. Eagle Ranch Elementary will involve parents of participating students, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement process of the school's Title I programs and parental engagement policy. Eagle Ranch Elementary will convene an **annual meeting to inform parents** of participating students of the requirements of Title I and their right to be involved, the Title I Parental Engagement Policy, and School-Parent Compact of strategies to increase parental engagement. *Eagle Ranch Elementary* will provide parents of participating students with an explanation of the curriculum, academic assessment, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement:

The staff of Eagle Ranch Elementary in consensus with research-based practices knows that the education of its students is a **responsibility shared between school and parents**. The school's primary responsibility shall be to have an effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the academic expectations set forth in the state content standards. Parents shall have the responsibility and opportunity to work with the school in a mutually **supportive and respectful partnership** with the goal of helping their children succeed in school. The School-Parent Compact of strategies to increase parental engagement outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. This **shared responsibility** will help the school and parents build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state content standards.

Building Capacity for Parent Engagement

The Eagle Ranch Elementary staff is committed to partnering with parents in the following ways:

- assist parents in understanding academic content and achievement standards and assessment
- provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement
- educate staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value of parent contributions and how to work with parents as equal partners
- coordinate and integrate parental engagement with other programs and activities in our school
- distribute information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to the parents of participating students

Eagle Ranch Elementary will support these home-school partnerships by using the following **six types of engagement**:

1. **Parenting.** We will promote and support parenting skills and the family's primary role in encouraging children's learning at each age and grade level, and all staff members will work effectively with our diverse families. Eagle Ranch Elementary will **conduct workshops to educate parents on the family's role in education (ie. How to build your child's reading skills, how to help your child with homework, How to support Accelerated Reader).**

2. **Communication.** We will communicate about curriculum, instruction, assessment, staff development, school programs and student progress through timely and effective school-to-home, home-to-school, and school-to-community methods. An emphasis will be made to communicate effectively with those parents who have limited proficiency in English or literacy challenges. Eagle Ranch Elementary *will communicate upcoming events and educational information in English and Spanish through flyers, monthly calendars, phone blasts in English and Spanish, text message alerts, marquee, and our school website.*
3. **Volunteering.** We will expand the recruitment, training, and recognition of family and community volunteers; we will provide opportunities for families and community members to contribute from home, the workplace, and other community-based sites. Eagle Ranch Elementary *will conduct a Parent Volunteer Academy for parents who are interested in volunteering at our school. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, library, Eagles Learning Lab, and through our PTSA, School Site Council, ELAC groups.*
4. **Learning at Home.** We will promote family engagement in learning activities at home including homework and other curriculum-related activities appropriate to the grade and development of the student. Eagle Ranch Elementary *will implement these home connect programs; Accelerated Reader, ConnectEd, Lexia, GO Math! and Khan Academy*
5. **Decision-making.** We will include students, parents, and community members as partners in planning and decision-making. We will encourage participation by parents/guardians in decisions that affect their child's educational experiences and comply with state and federal laws and regulations pertinent to family engagement. Eagle Ranch Elementary **will conduct regular PTSA, ELAC, and School Site Council meetings to ensure parent participation in the decision making process.**
6. **Collaborating with Community.** We will coordinate resources and services for students and families with businesses, agencies, service organizations and other groups and provide services to the community through our volunteer efforts and community improvement projects. Eagle Ranch Elementary *will maintain a Parent Information Center in the office to provide literature and brochures.*

To further the goal of effective parent engagement, each school can choose to be a member of the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS), Johns Hopkins University. Through an *Action Team for Partnership* process school staff, parents, and community members will jointly review, plan and develop a one-year School-Parent Compact of promising practices to increase parental engagement to include the six types of engagement listed above (*Epstein's Six Types of Parental Involvement*). **These promising practices will be linked to specific school improvement goals and the School-Parent Compact will be added to the annual SPSA.** The annual School-Parent Compact will specify partnership activities for as many of the six types of engagement as possible. Eagle Ranch Elementary's goals *shall include strategies to further support the language acquisition of English Language Learners, increase Language Arts skills of all students, increase student attendance and improve behavior, and increase parent and teacher participation at campus activities.* Near the end of the school year, the *Action Team for Partnerships* will evaluate the effectiveness of the school's partnership activities and celebrate successes for the year.

Accessibility

Eagle Ranch Elementary, to the extent practical, will provide parents with limited English proficiency opportunities to fully participate in school-sponsored activities by *using translation at all meetings and workshops and by sending written notices and reports in a language (to the extent possible) that parents understand.*