



PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

2023-2024

As a Title I School, Albemarle Road Elementary School specifically invites and encourages parents to be consistently involved in the education of their child/children. Our policy, outlined below, lists the planned parent involvement activities that will be hosted during the 2023-2024 school year.

- Parents will receive a copy of the Parent Involvement Policy (this document) which describes the ongoing activities that are held to inform and involve parents in their child's education.
- Parents received a copy of the Parent/School Learning compact. This compact serves as an agreement between a child's home and their school outlining everyone's responsibility for supporting ongoing student learning.
- Monthly newsletters, suggestions on how to work with your child, lists of good books to read with your child as well as other information will be sent home periodically to provide opportunities to support parents to help their children succeed in school.
- We have a full-time Bilingual Family Advocate to serve as the liaison between home and school.
- As a school, we will work to provide students with after school opportunities including Girls on the Run and Y-Readers. Parents are encouraged to become involved in these opportunities as well.
- Parent-teacher conferences this year are scheduled for late October and early November. As needed, teachers will work to schedule a time with you to review your child's progress and answer any questions you may have.
- 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
- A communication folder is sent home every Thursday with our scholars to strengthen communication among parents and the school.
- The student agenda is used as a daily communication tool between home and school.
- ARES offers one workshop/Food pantry event every month. These monthly meetings are designed to enhance school/home communication especially with regards to specific topics including school news/events, teaching and learning, attendance, health and character education. Additionally, ARES will hold multiple family nights throughout the year that will include clubs for the students and workshops for parents.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in the School Improvement Team, Parent Teacher Association and other school activities.
- Surveys will be used to assess parent perceptions, concerns and needs. As a school, we will use the feedback we received from surveys to improve school-wide services including elements related to our Title 1 program.
- The ARES PTA will host different events through the school year geared to increase parental involvement. Our school-wide Open House for Grades 1-5 occurred on August 24, 2023 and on September 6, 2023 for Kindergarten. We will host our annual K-2 Curriculum Night on October 26th and our annual 3-5 Curriculum Night on October 17th.
- A Title I annual parent meeting/Curriculum Night also took place on Tuesday, September 27, 2023, this annual meeting covered the following topics: School progress towards previously set goals, School goals and grade-level learning objectives, Title I status and related information, Parental involvement and engagement
- Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, ARES will focus on delivering high levels of customer service. We will strive to be sensitive to the cultural background of parents, students and our community in general in an effort to

provide a welcoming environment for all. When visiting ARES, parents and community members should expect: a friendly greeting and response, quality customer service, consistency, an answer or future answer (for all process-oriented requests), and follow-up and follow-through

We invite you to call the school (980) 343-6414 to ask any questions you may have or to schedule a visit or meeting. It is our hope that your children will have a wonderful experience learning at Albemarle Road Elementary School.

We welcome your feedback on our Parent Involvement Plan. Please feel free to use the space below to make any comments or suggestions. Please cut/remove and return to school in whatever manner is most convenient.
