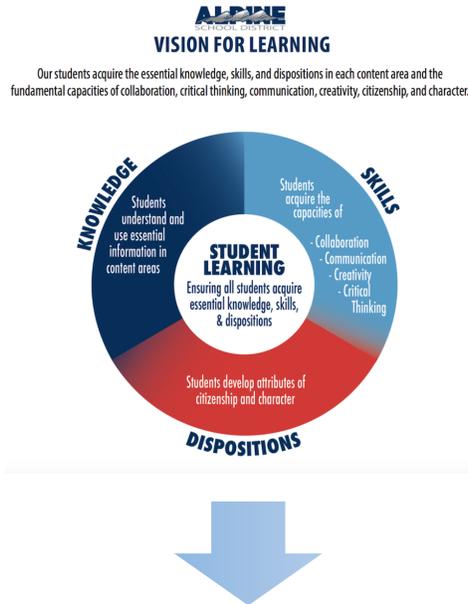
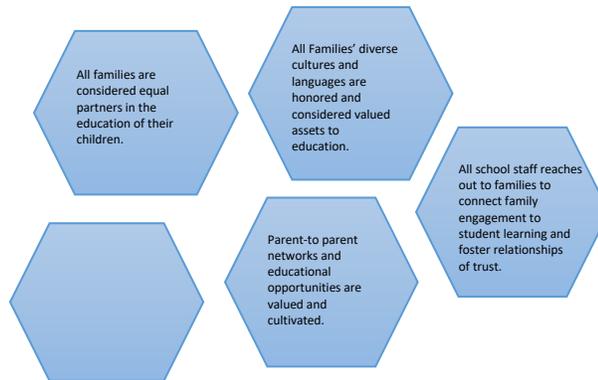


# Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Policy



At Mt. Mahogany, we believe that Family and Parent Engagement is central to student learning and achievement. As a Title I school, in partnership with families and parents, we work to ensure students develop the necessary knowledge, skills, and dispositions that lead to student learning.

## Engaging Parents and Families: Core Beliefs



Engaging Parents and Families: Capacity Building		
Indicators	Instructions	Examples
<b>Jointly Developed and Decision-Making Process</b>	The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is jointly developed by school personnel and parent and community members through PTA and SCC meetings. The school leadership team also provides input in the policy development. All stakeholders in the school have opportunities to give feedback through the annual comprehensive needs assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive Needs Assessment</li> <li>Back to school night held each fall at the start of school</li> <li>Monthly PTA and School Community Council meetings held each month</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent workshop nights held periodically throughout the year</li> <li>● Classroom volunteering</li> </ul>
<b>Annual Title I Meeting</b>	The school convenes an annual meeting at the beginning of the year to inform parents regarding the requirements of Title I and their right to be involved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beginning of the year meeting</li> <li>● Translation available</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	<p>The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is presented to parents at the annual meeting at the beginning of the year. Information is available in English and Spanish. An electronic copy is also shared with families in English and Spanish.</p> <p>Throughout the year, additional information about Title I programs is provided parents through fliers, newsletters, callers, and electronic copies. Information is provided in English and Spanish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Messenger System</li> <li>● Annual meeting</li> <li>● Hard copies (English and Spanish)</li> <li>● Checking grades and attendance regularly on Skyward</li> <li>● Receiving report cards three times per year</li> <li>● Reviewing the Mt. Mahogany Stake Holders' Report sent out each year</li> <li>● Meeting with teachers and the principal as needed</li> </ul>
<b>Building Capacity</b>	<p>Parents and teachers jointly develop a Parent-School Compact in the SCC each year. This compact is provided to every family at the beginning of the year around parent-teacher conferences. A hard copy is available in the office and electronic copies are sent to each household. The compact is provided in English and Spanish. The compact outlines responsibilities of parents, students, teachers, and administrators which can lead to deeper engagement from all parties and to student success in school.</p> <p>Communication from school to home is regularly done through electronic means (through our school messenger system). Callers are also provided with information to families. This communication occurs in both English and Spanish and provides families with information regarding school events, activities, meetings, and other programs.</p> <p>Parents have access to a district resource center that provides free classes throughout the year in both English and Spanish. Classes cover topics including the following: understanding the PTA, resources for students with special education needs, literacy in the home, and establishing a healthy lifestyle. Parents also have access to the Strengthening Families program through Wasatch Mental Health, and special education services provided at Mt. Mahogany, if applicable.</p> <p>In leadership team meetings, professional development, and collaborative team meetings, faculty and staff have ongoing discussions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent-School Compact</li> <li>● Callers, newsletters</li> <li>● Resource center</li> <li>● Dialogue in meetings/trainings</li> <li>● Special Education (Mt. Mahogany Special Education Department)</li> <li>● Strengthening Families Program (Wasatch Mental Health)</li> </ul>

	regarding our opportunities to build ties between parents/families and the school.	
<b>Links to Student Learning</b>	Parent teacher conferences are held twice a year providing parents with opportunities to receive feedback from teachers on their students' performance and progress. Parents can also view student progress online through Skyward. Relevant information is posted in a timely manner on the school website and through appropriate social media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parent Teacher Conferences</li> <li>● Skyward access</li> <li>● Posting relevant and timely school information on the school website/ social media</li> </ul>

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