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Avoca Elementary School 2022-2023 Parent and Family Engagement Plan

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Avoca Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Avoca Elementary values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Avoca Elementary will support family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Avoca Elementary School invited all families to attend orientation this fall to review our family engagement plan and to learn more about our school improvement plan and the family engagement budget. Family input regarding this plan are welcome throughout the school year by contacting the front office. The plan is posted on our school website for easy access. Feedback received throughout the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents, teachers, and students for suggestions. Families are regularly encouraged, through emails and calls home, to provide feedback in terms of what's working and how we can continue to improve. In addition, we encourage anyone who would like to join our Parent Advisory Council that meets to provide feedback and adjust plans for all school operations.

What is Title I?

Avoca Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with parents and family members, a written parent and family engagement policy.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Avoca Elementary will provide opportunities for the participation of all parents and family members including those with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan will be posted on the school website. Families can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office of the school.



Goals for 2022-2023

2022-2023 District Goals

By spring, we will improve whole child supports as well as student performance in literacy and numeracy.

2022-2023 Avoca Elementary School Goals

In 2022-23 Avoca will increase proficiency on TNReady in Reading and Math by 5 percent. During the 2022-2023 school year, Avoca will decrease the number of office referrals and increase parent engagement.

Parent and Family Engagement

Avoca Elementary believes that family engagement is the active participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. This includes:

- Parents / Guardians play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents / Guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents / Guardians are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.



School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Avoca Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact. ***A compact is a written agreement that families, teachers, and students develop to explain how everyone will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards.*** The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from families, students, and teachers. The school-parent compacts are shared with families at the beginning of the school year and are posted on our school website (www.avoca.btcs.org). Extra copies are always available in the front office. If you would like to provide feedback on the compact any time during the year, please contact Denise McKee at (423) 652-9445 or mckeed@btcs.org

Avoca Elementary takes the following measures to empower and support parents / guardians and family members as an important foundation of our school to strengthen our programs and reach our goals.

We will:

- ❖ Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English and Spanish; posted on the school website; and included in weekly updates for all families.
- ❖ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement in reading and math for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share promising practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ❖ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ❖ Share information in school updates and on our website for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ❖ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities through phone messages, email, Canvas (our learning management system), our website, social media, and flyers.
- ❖ Work with our families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ❖ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and other activities to help parents work with their child to improve their

child's achievement.

- ❖ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ❖ Collect feedback from parents / guardians and family members at events to respond to parents' / guardians' requests for additional support for parent / guardian and family engagement activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Avoca Elementary and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families into the School Community
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community



The Connection

The Connection addresses needs established by the school system, parents, and community stakeholders with the goal of having a positive impact on students, who will ultimately guide the future of our community. **The Connection's** goal is to continually improve community involvement and confidence in our school district.

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***Bringing out the best in each other: Socially,
Emotionally, and Academically!***

School Community Team

Avoca Elementary invites all families to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve others to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our family surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact Cathy Bryant at (423) 652-9445 or complete the interest form below and return it to your child's teacher.

School Community Team

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the School Community Team.
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____