

# Grove Lower Elementary School

## Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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### School Mission/Vision

***Our mission is to always champion for our children, education, and community. We will do this providing a safe and supportive learning environment where all students have the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential.***

### Title 1

Grove Lower Elementary Schools is a school-wide Title I school. The purpose of the Title I, Part A program is to ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. These funds are available to schools when forty percent or more of the students are eligible for the free/ reduced lunch program.

Title I- Part A funds are used to improve education for **all** students. The strategy behind this program is to raise the academic levels of low-achieving students by improving instruction and learning throughout the entire school. In general, school wide programs:

- plan for comprehensive, long-term improvement
- serve all students with highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals
- provide for continuous learning for staff, parents and community
- Use evidence-based practices to develop and implement enriched instruction for all students

### Parental Involvement

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Grove Lower Elementary Title I Committee has developed the Parent Involvement Policy outlining expectations for parental involvement and parental involvement activities. We are continually trying to find ways to increase our family and community stakeholder involvement through effective practices.

### *School Compacts- Student/Parent/Teacher Expectations*

Grove Lower Elementary Title I team developed a written School-Parent Compact jointly

with parents for all children. This compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State of Oklahoma high standards for academic achievement.

### *Parent Activities*

Parent involvement will be promoted through a variety of activities designed for parents with busy schedules. Some of the activities provided include the following:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Open House/Meet the Teacher
- Book Fairs
- Polar Express Night
- Literacy Nights
- Cooperative JOM Parent Supported Activities
- Character Counts Program
- Summer Reading Program
- Fall Fun Carnival
- Google Classroom Activities
- SeeSaw Activities
- Ready Rosie
- Parent Resources

### *Parent Communication Activities*

Communication with parents is key to a successful support system for the student. Some of the communications strategies/programs used at our school are listed below.

- Teacher Newsletters
- School Newsletters
- Notes sent home with student
- Social Media Post/Newsletters
- School Website- Parent Portal
- Phone calling system
- Texts
- Emails
- Virtual Zoom Meetings
- Informational videos
- Parent continuous access to Student Information System (grades/attendance)
- Google Classroom
- SeeSaw
- Ready Rosie
- Student –Parent Handbooks

## **Accountability**

Data is regularly utilized to evaluate the effectiveness of program and strategies at Grove Lower Elementary. Data sources include: student achievement/progress data, attendance, behavior and surveys. Parent surveys are administered at least once a year. These data results drive the strategies implemented to achieve the mission of the schools.

## **Parents Opportunity to Serve**

Parents have many opportunities to serve on committees providing a valuable perspective to help guide successful programs. Some of the committees include: Safe and Healthy Schools, Federal Programs Committees (Title I, II, IV, V, VI and JOM), Comprehensive Strategic Planning, and Gifted and Talented. Parents are continually welcome to volunteer with activities at the school per the district/site volunteer guidelines.