



Quest Academy

Title I: Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Quest Academy believes that all stakeholders-faculty, staff, parents, and families work together to ensure every child and their success matters. We believe that when parents are present and active in their child's education, their child has a greater chance for success with the educational expectations given.

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed with our Parent Advisory Committee and agreed upon by the administration, staff, and parents of students at Quest Academy. Quest will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time for parents, to evaluate this policy, to go over the school's Title I budget, and to review the rights and responsibilities of parents. This meeting will be held in September of each school year. The meeting will be communicated through email, newsletters, and posting on the school website. The school's parent and family engagement policy will be distributed to parents in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. Child care will be available for those parents with small children. Information will be sent home and posted on the Quest website for those not able to attend.

Plan for including parents in the school review and improvement process:

The administration and staff at Quest Academy invite all parents through email announcements, Infinite Campus phone and text communication systems, social media, and the school's website to become involved in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs, School Performance Plan, Parent-School Compact, and Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Educational Involvement:

The Educational Involvement policy is integrated into the Family/Parent Handbook process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review the policy within the first ten days of school. Quest administrators and teachers will have access to the policy whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions to review how parents can be involved in their child's education and review the responsibilities of the students.



Administration and staff will:

- Provide assistance to parents in understanding such topics as the state’s academic content and Nevada Academic Content Standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their student’s academic progress, and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of the student.
- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards.
- Offer parent involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities.
- Provide staff professional development and parent education for:
 - Parents to provide home support for their children’s education with access to online educational websites that are being utilized in the classrooms
 - Parents to participate in school decision-making through participation and attendance at Parent Advisory Committee meeting, held monthly
- Effective communication between the school and parents through the use of website updates, social media updates, handouts sent home with students, and email distribution lists.
- Opportunities to volunteer and work in the school library support teachers of all grades.
- Provide materials and training-such as in literacy, math, and technology-to help parents work with their children to improve the student’s achievement and to foster parental involvement.
- Provide access to educational resources for parents to use together with their children.

With the assistance of families and community resources, the administration will continually provide training and professional development during staff meetings, and individually when needed, in the areas of:

- The value and utility of contributions of parents
- How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners
- Implementing and coordinating parent programs
- Building ties between parents and the school

Quest will ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in an understandable format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.

Surveys:

Quest will implement parent survey yearly to secure feedback on parents’ feelings and levels of engagement. This way, Quest can ensure practices and policies encourage full engagement.



Coordination with other programs:

Quest administration will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement activities with other federal and local programs. Quest will also work with private and community resources and partnerships with Champions, the City of Las Vegas, Northwest Command of the Las Vegas Police Department, and Three Square.

Quest will conduct other activities that encourage and support parents and families in more fully participating in the education of their children. Opportunities are made available during library use during and after school. A Parent Volunteer Coordinator will organize the school's volunteers and schedule various trainings throughout the year.

Quest will also provide reasonable support for additional services and parent involvement activities as parents may request. Parents are encouraged to fill out surveys and to communicate with the staff and administration of Quest Academy.