

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Quannah McCall Elementary School 2019-2020

Quannah McCall welcomes all families and community members to become actively involved in the education of our children. Parents are the key to their child's success and all staff members will promote involvement and effective communication in school related activities. All parents will be treated with respect and courtesy by Quannah McCall staff members.

School Belief

The administration, staff and parents of Quannah McCall Elementary School believe that all students can learn, that teachers can teach and that schools can make a positive difference in the lives of children. Parents are teachers too, and working together, we can accomplish our mission.

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by parents and community representatives at Quannah McCall ES.

The school's policy developed by the parent volunteers and Quannah McCall staff members will be distributed to parents in Spanish and English at the beginning of the year. Title 1 information will be included.

The Educational Involvement Accord is integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review the Accord prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accord whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions.

The staff members at Quannah McCall are dedicated to ensuring that parents understand their role in helping to raise academic achievement in the school. This includes the importance of understanding such topics as state academic content standards, state benchmarks for achievement, state and local assessments, and the requirements of Title 1.

At Open House, parents were told how to monitor their child's progress and how to work with the school to ensure that their child receives the best education possible.

All staff members were introduced at Open House to facilitate parent/teacher communication.

The information provided included, but was not limited to: how students are performing, how parents can provide support to their child's education, how parents can participate in decision making, and what can be done to improve the communication between the school and parents.

Quannah McCall will convene an annual meeting, each September for parents to evaluate this policy, go over the current year's budget plan, and review the rights and

responsibilities of parents. This meeting will be held on September 11, 2019 at 3:45pm. Children may accompany parents. For parents who may not be able to attend this meeting, the agenda and Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the school website. The policy will also be distributed at parent-teacher conferences in November. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

Quannah McCall parents took the Annual Districtwide Survey. The results of this survey showed that McCall parents (100% who answered) believe that teachers at this school care about their child. One of the areas which McCall parents require more from the school is in the communication of where fundraising monies go. This will be communicated through our newsletters and parent meetings. Quannah McCall intends to increase participation by families by increasing the frequency and number of notifications distributed to parents for our school functions. We will also continue to utilize the Parent Link system.

The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy and other school documents will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable; in a language parents can understand. We communicate with families through monthly bulletins and posters at school. We also will utilize the Parent Link, emails and phone calls when appropriate.

The school will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning and review of the School Performance Plan and the Title 1 program. Regularly scheduled monthly parent meetings will be publicized. Parents will be encouraged to volunteer in school related activities and volunteer forms will be available in the main office. An annual calendar of parent meetings will be created and shared with parents. The calendar will be updated regularly.

Quannah McCall will strive to build strong and lasting parental involvement by:

- Asking parents to support the school by reinforcing school rules with your child.
- Respecting all staff members by communicating in a respectful tone.
- Communicating monthly with parents.
- Inviting parents to volunteer at the school. In order to honor instructional time and adhere to FERPA rights of all of our students, please follow the steps below:
 - Give 24 hours advance notice to the teacher
 - Stop by the front office, check in, and obtain a visitor's badge
 - Plan on visiting for 30 minutes
 - Be sure to sign out in the front office
- Offering adult education classes to help parents with skills and employability.
- Using Parent Link to send messages via the phone to all parents.
- Promote developmental assets with teachers, staff and parents to operate with a positive research-based outlook using Caring Communities and PBIS strategies to encourage healthy children and parents.

We now have a full-time social worker on our staff to broker services to needy families such as: food, clothing, and social services and manage such services using a case manager model.

All parents will be invited to attend planned parent in-services to help close the achievement gap at Quannah McCall. The parent meetings include:

Open House – August 22, 2019

Annual Title I Meeting/Parent and Family Engagement Policy – September 11, 2019

Fall Festival/Carnival – October 24, 2019

Math Night – November 14, 2019

Winter Concert – December 20, 2019

Literacy Night- March 5, 2020

Family Day – April 25, 2020

Science Night – April 30, 2020

Spring Concert- To Be Determined

At each of these in-services, parents will be given specific instructions on how to help their child succeed in school. Handouts will be kept on file for future reference. Materials and training will be provided to parents to help them work with their children at home using appropriate technology. Teachers will be involved as presenters at these meetings and Pre-K parents will have additional parent in-services which are appropriate for their grade level.

Quannah McCall partners with the CCSD Family and Community Engagement Services (F.A.C.E.S.) to provide additional resources during our family events. We have also partnered with the Clark County Public Library to have a librarian offer information about reading and the use of the public library. The participation of these partners at a particular event will be included in the parent notification. Information from these partners distributed at parent meetings will also be available in the school office. With the assistance of parents, staff training on parent involvement will include:

- College and Career Readiness development will be available for teachers and parents.
- All teachers will also participate in STPT after each MAP assessment-3 times per year for data analysis to increase student achievement.
- Regularly scheduled staff meetings which discuss parent issues and concerns will be held, and any suggestions will be brought to the SOT.

A copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be included in our School Improvement Plan (SIP) for the 2019-2020 school year.