

Piedmont Community Charter School

Title I Parent Engagement Policy for 2017-2018

In acknowledgement of reliable research proving that parental engagement raises the academic achievement of students; Piedmont Community Charter School encourages and supports the engagement of all parents. Throughout the school year there will be many opportunities to promote active parental engagement.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Piedmont Community Charter School will provide the following:

An annual meeting will be held in October. We will discuss the Title I plan for 2017-2018 school year along with an opportunity for parent input and feedback.

An accountability agreement (a Compact) will be signed at the October meeting or the week after. It outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving learning, along with an opportunity for parent input and feedback.

A flexible number of meetings and activities will be held at least four times this year (including the annual meeting and review meeting) to assist parents in understanding such topics as reading and comprehension strategies, national, state, and local standards, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, the proficiency levels students are expected to meet, and how parents and teachers can work together to monitor student achievement. These meeting content and times will be based on teacher and parent input.

Meetings will be held throughout the year to support school staff and parents working together as equal partners. Staff and parents will have an open communication relationship through Mclass and NWEA reports, websites, emails, conferences, and phone calls. Any of these can be initiated by either party.

Resources and activities such as leveled readers, flashcards, vocabulary lists, school web site, teacher web pages, educational games, reading log, seasonal reading challenges will be designed to encourage greater participation of all parents in their child's education.

A parent engagement plan and Title 1 program will be revised on an yearly basis in conjunction with parent and staff input. The changes will reflect the students' need at that time.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community members are always welcome at Piedmont Community Charter School!

