

Parent Engagement and Involvement Policy

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Aristotle Preparatory Academy encourages and supports the engagement of all parents as research has proven it raises the academic achievement of students. The Staff of APA seeks opportunities to promote active parental engagement through the following:

An annual meeting will be held to discuss the Title I plan for the upcoming school year along with an opportunity for parent input and feedback. The school will share the Title I allotment and how the school will utilize the funds to serve the children of APA. Parents will have the opportunity to provide feedback to the school's administrator and governing board.

Parents will be invited to a flexible number of meetings and activities that will be held at least three times each 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. Meeting content and times will be based on parent-teacher conference schedules.

These meetings support school staff and parents working together as equal partners. Staff and parents will have an open communication relationship through NWEA reports, the school's website, emails, conferences, and phone calls. Meetings can be initiated by either party.

Resources and activities such as leveled readers, flashcards, vocabulary lists, school website, online educational games, class reading log, and classroom reading challenges will be designed to encourage greater participation of all parents in their child's education.

Parent engagement and the school's Title 1 program will be evaluated by the administration and the school's board of directors on a yearly basis. Input from parent and staff

representatives on the school's Improvement Team will be considered. Changes made 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. APA will strive to make parents and community members feel welcome at Aristotle Preparatory Academy.

For more information about volunteering opportunities, please contact the school office (980-237-0371), or email office@aristotlepa.org to request someone contact you.