



2019-2020
Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School Belief:

The administration, staff and families of Myrtle Tate Elementary School believe that informing parents and families of student development issues, encouraging a richer parental involvement in students' educational experiences, and facilitating positive and on-going communication between the school and home are essential in establishing a successful school climate.

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by Myrtle Tate Elementary School administration, staff, parent, and family volunteers.

1. A. Annual Meeting

In order to enhance parent and family involvement, Myrtle Tate Elementary School will work to ensure that parents and staff convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time for parent and family, to evaluate this policy. This year's meeting will be held on September 11, 2019 at 7:30 AM in the multipurpose room. There will be a translator for Spanish speaking families in attendance. The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, developed by staff members, parents, and family members, will be distributed in English and Spanish at Title I Parent meetings and will be continuously available on Tate's website for all parents and community members.

B. Annual District Survey

During the annual meeting, staff will provide parents and family members with an overview of the District Wide Parent Survey results and use this information to develop this policy. Data from the 2018-19 parent survey (159 responses) indicated positive parent responses of 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree' on the following questions regarding Tate Elementary School:

- At this school, the teachers really care about my child. 99.4%
- I feel welcome at my child's school. 99.4%
- I know what goes on inside my child's school. 100.0%
- My child feels safe in school. 100.0%
- My child's school involves parents in most school events or activities. 100.0%
- My child's school sees me as a partner in my child's education. 100.0%
- The staff at my child's school really value my input and opinions. 99.4%

Parents indicated that they did not always "View the Clark County School District as a credible source for information." In an effort to address this concern, we will provide opportunities for clarification or questions regarding district information at family and parent engagement meetings held at the school.

Tate will encourage parent survey participation by informing parents when the District survey is available and by providing opportunities to complete the survey through our Title I Family Center.

2. Tate will involve parents in the writing of the School Performance Plan by soliciting volunteers in the fall of each year to attend planning and review meetings.
3. The Educational Involvement Accords will be reviewed at the time of student registration and discussed during parent conferences in November. Additional Accords will also be provided as needed during Title I Parent Meetings and Parent Conferences. For parents new to the school, the Accords will be given upon registration.

4. In order to build a capacity for strong student performance, Myrtle Tate Elementary School will involve parents in a variety of ways.
 - A. To assist in parent involvement, Tate staff will:
 - a. Provide assistance to parents in understanding the Common Core State Standards, state and local assessments, the role of Title I in education, and how to monitor student progress. Assistance will be provided through Title I parent meetings and parent conferences.
 - b. As a part of the ZOOM initiative, Tate staff will participate in high quality professional development to support school goals and enable students to meet the Common Core State Standards.
 - c. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement.
 - i. Parent education in the Title I Family Center
 - ii. Family Academic Math and Reading Nights
 - iii. Four Parent Trainings throughout the school year
 - B. Tate will provide books monthly to families through Spread the Word Nevada and Breakfast with Books events to promote literacy at home.
 - C. Tate will participate in the School Organizational Team (SOT) and Parent Trainings to give parents the opportunity to contribute, communicate and build ties with the school.
 - D. Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs will be sent home to parents in English and Spanish in a timely fashion. Correspondences home will include newsletters, information about upcoming events, reminders about days off, and other information as necessary.
 - E. Coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs such as Pre-Kindergarten and Early Childhood and involve community partners (NV Energy, DHL, Civil Werx, and Goodie Two Shoes) in school functions. More information is available at our Title I Family Center and on Tate's school website.
 - F. Provide reasonable support for parent involvement activities, such as translation services and parent suggestion sheets.