

Heritage Elementary

Parent Engagement Policy

The Heritage Elementary School Engagement Policy has been developed and adopted by regular education teachers, Parent Advisory Committee (Community Council) members, and administration.

Our mission statement at Heritage Elementary states our belief that all students will achieve high levels of learning and that “Learners are Leaders”. Heritage Elementary believes parental engagement is an important part of each child’s educational program, and that such engagement may result in higher student achievement and better social behavior, in addition to more satisfaction for parents and teachers alike.

School Goals, Responsibilities, and Services:

- Provide a supportive and effective learning environment that meets the needs of all students.
- Provide high-quality engaging instruction for all students.
- Establish clear and attainable learning targets.
- Use common assessment tools to monitor results, provide interpretation of such results.
- Provide appropriate strategic interventions for struggling learners and enrichment for advanced learners.
- Provide small group and individual tutoring including after school tutoring.
- Provide All-day kindergarten for qualifying kindergarten students.
- Provide Preschool for 4 year olds.
- Free and reduced cost breakfast and lunch.

Parent Engagement:

- The School will provide opportunities for parents to participate and receive supporting materials to improve student learning through activities such as Back to School Night, Literacy/ Mathematics Nights and Parent Engagement meetings.
- A School Community Council (Parent Advisory Committee) is established as a means for Parents to participate in school decision making regarding the education of their children through direct communication with the Principal and teachers. Parents are encouraged to participate in all parent meetings and SEP conferences.
- Parents will work with the school to develop school improvement plans including the Student-Parent-School Compact. Parent groups will provide feedback and evaluate improvement plans yearly.
- Heritage Elementary School will hold all district calendared SEP Conferences. During these conferences opportunities are provided for parents to ask questions, voice suggestions and evaluate student progress.
- Parents are invited to participate in the classroom instruction and are encouraged to volunteer and help in their student’s classroom as well as other school sponsored programs and activities.

Information Distribution:

- The Parent Engagement Policy for Heritage Elementary will be in the office and on the school website at <https://heritage.washk12.org/>. A copy of this policy will be sent home to all families in the student handbook provided at the beginning of the year and to all new families at initial registration.
- The school will report annually to the parents the status of the Title I program, as well as other Title I services available to children and parents at a meeting held at the beginning of the school.
- The school will establish consistent and effective communication between parents, teachers and administrators. This will include flyers, emails, Social Media posts and notes in a language that parents can understand.

We believe that parent engagement has the greatest impact when parents, students, and the school share responsibility for the growth and development of each student. We believe that through the implementation of the goals, plans, and services outlined in our Parent Engagement Policy we will see continued parent engagement and student success.