

SFA Charter School Parent Engagement

SFA Charter School will involve parents in two-way meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring:

- that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.

Communication and Parental Involvement

- Promote parent contact by personal phone calls, live conferences, and emails as appropriate.
- Create a safe and respectful environment on all campuses.
- Ensure opportunities for family participation in school events.
- Each campus will provide attendance requirements to parents in the student handbook.
- Provide recognition for community/business partnerships through local media such as, newsletters, publications, school websites, and campus communications.
- Continue to provide training and equipment in order to facilitate effective communication, such as See Saw and other technology integration including web pages and intervention information.
- Ensure methods of communicating important information to parents without access to email or internet.
- Provide district-wide communications in native languages of the clientele whenever necessary.
- Provide an interpreter for school meetings whenever necessary.
- Build the schools' and parents' capacity for parent involvement by providing parents information on monitoring their child's progress through scheduled portfolio conferences.
- Provide opportunities for family participation in understanding goals, outcomes, timelines, and strategies for student academic learning and progress
- Provide opportunities during extended hours for parents who work during the day, to be involved.
- Provide *Parent Engagement Plan* to parents and teachers.

Student Support

- Clearly communicate high expectations for discipline and student achievement.
- Pursue and maintain partnerships among positive community resources to support student programs.
- Provide experiences to support real world learning.
- Provide opportunities to grow in various areas of fine arts.
- Communicate educational curriculum and progress expectations to parents.

- Provide progress monitoring reports to parents at least each 9-weeks.
- Provide parents support and resource materials for individual and family counseling.
- Continue to provide diversity training and disability awareness.
- Continue to support students with opportunities for social emotional growth.
- Ensure a safe school environment for optimal learning.

Highly Qualified Instruction

- Ensure that all academic classrooms are taught by highly qualified teachers.
- Provide opportunities for professional development based on data-driven needs, state standards, continuity, and consistency across all classrooms.
- Ensure that all teachers meet certification eligibility.
- Provide a calendar that allows school-wide professional development opportunities, including diversity training, vertical planning, and other special programs.
- School will align professional development based on needs assessment and foundational curriculum.
- Maintain and revise an aligned and integrated school-wide curriculum framework based on school standards.
- Maintain recruitment strategies to ensure a highly qualified and diverse staff to best serve the needs of all students.

What Parents Can Do

- Tell your child that education is important to you and why.
- Uphold the 98% attendance rate for your child.
- Expect self-regulation and self-management in behavior.
- Support risk taking in learning.
- Participate in the family style meal program.
- Provide transportation to school for arrival by 8:00 am and dismissal at 3:15 pm.
- Allow your child to participate in research within the school.
- Provide a time and location in your home conducive to at home reading goals.
- Make sure the school has your current address, phone numbers, and email addresses.
- Monitor available technology such as school website, school social media, etc.
- Help students eat healthy, get enough sleep, and exercise. Healthy students learn better.
- Assist students to be organized and have the supplies they need for school.
- Attend your child's portfolio conferences at least three times per year.
- Know your child's teachers. If you can't attend portfolio conferences in person, contact the teachers by email or arrange for a remote conference.
- Read information that is sent home (Code of Conduct, Student Handbooks, flyers, newsletters, etc.) and respond appropriately.
- Volunteer in your child's school to the extent possible.
- Support rigorous achievement and monitor your child's progress in school. Know what they are expected to learn and how they are progressing. Hold them accountable for school achievement.
- Support the school in developing positive behaviors in your child that foster a safe learning environment.