

Prescott South Elementary School Parent Involvement/ Family Engagement Plan

Prescott South Elementary School plans to create a long-lasting partnership between families, school, and our community by implementing a safe, child-friendly environment. The administration, faculty, and staff of Prescott South Elementary share a strong commitment to our families and community. We believe that parent and community involvement is essential to the success of our educational program. Our home-school-community relationship will foster age appropriate, academic success for all students. It is our belief that students will flourish in an environment that offers security, emotional support, and a strong parent-teacher connection.

In efforts to conform to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Prescott South Elementary School created a Family Engagement Committee, comprised of administrators, faculty, staff, and parents in August of 2010. The committee will create a plan for family engagement based upon family and staff needs, best practices, and any other needs identified by the committee. The Family Engagement committee will submit the plan to the faculty, staff, and parents for approval and implementation.

The goal of our family engagement plan is to further educate our students by actively engaging parents and community members. Our program will offer on going activities that will enhance the education of all students.

The Prescott South Elementary PI/FE committee will focus on the following areas for this school year:

- Establishing a strong foundation for communication
- Provide educational experiences for parents and children
- Create an inclusive learning environment promoting parent involvement

To initiate parent involvement at Prescott South Elementary, the following strategies will be implemented:

- All parents will be informed of informational, educational, and procedural meetings throughout the school year. Alternate resources, such as translators or transportation, will be provided when needed.
- Information will be made available to parents through a variety of medias. Prescott South will use websites, newsletters, emails, flyers, text programs, and phone calls to communicate with parents. Teacher and school contact information will be available via these medias as well.

- Create a PI/FE committee to meet 3 times a year. This will be an opportunity to discuss upcoming events, answer questions, and evaluate the program's success in meeting our family engagement goals.
- Our school improvement plan will include parents in the planning, revising, and implementing stages.
- Two-way communication strategies will be implemented to insure parents have an influence in creating policies and procedures that effect the school. Examples might include PTO, PI/FE committee, SIP, and parent teacher conferences.
- Prescott South will create family events that build both academic and social partnerships.
- Regular newsletters, calendars, and websites are available to parents.
- Updated parent resource center in the PSES office.
- Information will be translated to Spanish as needed.
- Prescott South will create parent learning opportunity or inform parents of community learning workshops to improve skills that support the whole child (physical, emotional, and educational needs).
- Parents will be informed of student progress on a regular basis. They will receive progress reports every 4 1/2 weeks, report cards every 9 weeks, benchmark or TCAP scores as they are given, and daily work on a weekly basis. Parents will also have access to student scores on the Power School website.

In efforts to fully develop and present our Family Engagement Plan, Prescott South Elementary will address six standards by presenting strategies to implement throughout the school year.

Standard 1: Family Involvement is incorporated as a strategy to achieve any goal in the School Improvement Plan.

- Communication logs
- Family Friendly Survey
- Email, newsletters, flyers, and phone calls to contact parents
- School and teacher websites
- PTO participation
- Offer volunteer opportunities throughout the school at varying times

Standard 2: Everyone who works at the school strongly believes that family involvement is important to students' success and academic achievement.

- Parent-lead presentation on specific needs
- Teachers and parents participate on the Family Engagement Committee
- Welcome event on 8:00-10:00 registration day

- ELL interpreter attends meetings as requested by parents

Standard 3: School staff use creative ways of reaching out to families who have not been involved in their children's education.

- PTO
- Parent/Teacher conferences twice a year, or more frequently as needed
- Book Fair Family Event
- PSES 5K
- CSI Night and KITE Festival
- LEAPS program
- Family brochures available in the parenting center in the main office

Standard 4: There is a strong partnership among school staff, students, families, and community members that increases students' success and academic achievement.

- TTU Reading practicums and Student teachers
- 4-H
- YMCA Learn to Swim Program
- Planning committee for Family Engagement
- Guest speakers (From TTU, community, & parents)
- PTO
- School Adopter programs
- Collaboration with local churches
- Backpack program for food for weekends if needed

Standard 5: The principal and site council provide active leadership in increasing the level and quality of family involvement in children's education.

- Progress reports for 3rd and 4th grade
- Student work samples sent home weekly
- Websites
- PowerSchool
- Principal has open-door policy and is available to parents
- Principal is involved in extra curricular activities
- Family involvement meetings (3 times per year)

Standard 6: The school is responsive to the needs of its families.

- Student handbook
- Progress reports every 4 1/2 weeks
- School website, Facebook, and Twitter

- Prescott newsletters from the office
- Student information packet passed out at the beginning of the year and to new students throughout the year
- Parent/teacher meetings
- Emails
- School Messenger Phone calls

Standard 7: School staff, families, and community member's work together to plan, put into action, and evaluate family involvement efforts.

- Parent Involvement Plan
- Family Friendly Survey
- Parent Engagement committee with administrators, community members, teachers, and parents
- Big/Little Bash
- Community Yard Sale

Standard 8: Everyone who works at the school draws upon the knowledge and expertise of all families to support the school as a whole.

- PTO
- Parent Volunteers
- Parent Volunteer form sent home to all parents
- Parents as guest speakers, Career Day, specialty units

In order to meet the Putnam County policy requirements, the following classroom standards will be met:

Standard C-1: Families are seen and treated as partners in their children's education by teachers and other instructional staff.

- Teacher websites
- Weekly folders
- Weekly classroom newsletters
- Support team
- Parent classroom volunteers
- Notes home, by email and hard copy, Dojo and other electronic sources
- Phone calls
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- School website
- Report cards and progress reports

Standard C-2: Each family's experience, knowledge, and culture are respected and valued by teachers and other instruction staff.

- ELL teacher conferences
- Translator as needed
- Websites
- Surveys
- Letters
- Newspaper
- Family Friendly Survey
- Sexual Harassment training for faculty and staff
- Suicide Prevention training for faculty and staff

