

Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2019 - 2020

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by C.P. Squires ES and the parents and families of students served in the school pursuant to Title I.

1A. Annual Meeting

C.P. Squires ES held their annual meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, developed by the School Improvement Team and Support Team, will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. For families who are unable to attend, the information and Parent and Family Engagement Policy will also be made available on our school website, www.squireselementary.com. The information will also be shared during a School Organization Team meeting for those parents that did not make it to the meeting on October 17, 2019.

1B. District Survey Results

C.P. Squires ES encourages parent participation of the Districtwide Parent Survey by informing parents when it is available and by providing opportunities to complete the survey at our parent activities. There were 135 parent responses on the 2018-19 Districtwide Survey.

During the annual meeting and School Organizational Team (SOT) meetings, staff will provide parents and family members with an overview of the Districtwide Parent Survey results and use this information to develop this policy. Results of the Districtwide Parent Survey will be posted on the school website annually.

Data from the 2018-19 parent survey indicated positive parent responses of 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree' on the following questions regarding Squires Elementary School:

- At this school, the teachers really care about my child. 98%
- I feel welcome at my child's school. 100%
- I know what goes on inside my child's school. 99%
- My child feels safe in school. 98%
- My child's school involves parents in most school events or activities. 99%
- My child's school sees me as a partner in my child's education. 97%
- The staff at my child's school really value my input and opinions. 97%

As a result, we will focus on having the parents more involved and have time to share their concerns during the monthly SOT (School Organizational Team) Meetings.

2. School Improvement Process

C.P. Squires ES will involve parents and families in an organized, ongoing and timely manner in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, Zoom Plan, School Performance Plan, and the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Parent input is solicited through our SOT, parent meetings, and Title I evaluations.

3. Educational Involvement Accords

The Educational Involvement Accords are provided within Infinite Campus to parents at registration. They are available as needed for parent and staff review.

4A. Assistance to Parents

C.P. Squires' Administration and staff will provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic content and achievement standards, state and local assessments, and the requirements of Title I. Such information will be shared via parent trainings and newsletters. In addition, parents will be informed on how to monitor their child's academic progress via Parentlink and/or progress reports.

C.P. Squires ES will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment which will enable students to meet the state academic standards. Opportunities will include:

- Research based programs such as Zoom Novel Units, 100 Book Challenge and ReadWell for small group instruction, ReadyGEN Reading, enVision Math, Write From the Beginning, and FOSS Science.
- Implementing cooperative learning strategies in classrooms to increase student engagement.
- Presenting instruction with rigor and fidelity.
- Recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers.

4B. Materials and Parent Training

C.P. Squires ES will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. These will include parent trainings:

- To provide information and hands-on activities to work with children at home.
- Facilitated by Family and Community Engagement Services (FACES) and Boys Town experts (A.M. and P.M. session to accommodate parents' schedules).
- That distribute materials that support educational activities for use at home.
- To support parents with information and learning materials for Squires' ZOOM Pre-Kindergarten children
- C.P. Squires Parent Center offers classes and trainings to parents in English and Spanish.

4C. Building Ties Between Home and School

C.P. Squires ES administration will communicate to its staff the value and utility of contributions by parents. They will encourage its staff to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners to improve the achievement of the student via parent trainings and one-to-one conferences.

C.P. Squires ES Parent Center is open daily from 7:30-10:30 where the parents can come in and take classes or help the Parent Center Strategist with academic based projects for the classroom teachers. The parents are also able to take classes to help them understand the testing we do at C.P. Squires. With these classes, they are able to ask questions and get input on how to help improve their child's education.

4D. Communications

All programs, meetings and written communications will be presented in both English and Spanish in order to insure complete understanding by the parents and community of our school.

- Monthly newsletters including school activities (English and Spanish).
- Weekly electronic newsletters including school activities (English and Spanish)
- Online communication via Parentlink (English and Spanish).
- Online communication via the school's website: www.squireselementary.com
- Access to technology will be made available during the school day; parents can utilize the computers in the front office as a resource.

4E. Coordination of Family Support

C.P. Squires Elementary School has formed unique partnerships with Communities in School and Boys Town Nevada to support families in need of assistance. Information is posted on our school website and newsletters. Parents and families may meet with our school counselor to learn more about these services.

4F. Other Reasonable Support

C.P. Squires Elementary provides additional services, and support is available upon parent request. Parents can make these requests in writing or by visiting the Communities in School/Parent Center office located in room 15.

Through these methods, strong ties between parents and school can be established.