

## Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary Title 1 Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024



**Policy Engagement:** The opinions of our families are very important, and we want your feedback. In order to hear from you all regarding our Title 1 Family Engagement Policy we will:

- Work in conjunction with the WCPSS Office of Equity Affairs to hold several Family Academy workshops to share opportunities to gather clarification of academic content and how to best support your children. These workshops will be presented in English, Spanish, and Arabic. Dates and topics will be determined and shared through Talking Points.
- Maintain a Family Engagement Committee, comprised of staff, family, and community members, that will serve as a group of leaders who provide support toward engagement of all members of the Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary School community, including the planning, review, and improvement of the use of Title 1 funds.
- Send a copy of the policy home, including a form where feedback can be provided.

**Shared Responsibilities for High Student Achievement:** The shared responsibility expectations are reflected and presented in our Home-School Compact. These expectations include responsibilities of Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary School staff and families alike and the necessary partnership between these two groups, which shall be enriched throughout the year by communications regarding student progress.

**Building Capacity for Engagement:** Supporting our families and staff in growing their capabilities for engagement is crucial to our success. To ensure this happens, we will:

- Set goals with families during conferences that will take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. Additional meetings may be scheduled as the need arises.
- Provide several evening opportunities during the school year to showcase curriculum and magnet theme:
  - Open House/Curriculum Night- September 28th, 2023
  - Literacy Night- November 16th, 2023
  - Math/Science Night- February 1, 2024
  - International Night/Magnet May 2, 2024
- Families and community members of Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary School will be given opportunities to educate and enhance understanding for staff on proper etiquette and beliefs within cultures to grow our community.
- Empower our PTA to help family and community members to become well-equipped, consistent volunteers.
- Provide professional development to our staff that is responsive to the results of the annual Title 1 Family Survey.
- Be flexible in communications with families, including but not limited to Talking Points messages, emails, telephone calls, personal conferences.

**Accessibility:** By providing translation services and offering a variety of opportunities, we hope to engage and be accessible to all community members of our Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary School family.