



**Meadow Lakes**  
**Elementary**  
Parent & Family  
Engagement Policy  
2021-22 School Year

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Meadow Lakes Elementary School is committed to providing quality education for every child. To achieve this goal, we want to establish partnerships with parents and the community. Everyone benefits if the school and home work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither the home nor the school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as the child's first teacher. Parental support at home and at school is critical to a child's success.

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## **Vision of Parent Involvement**



Title I is a Federal program that provides a funding source, which supplements MSBSD financial efforts to provide successful education for all students.

A Title I Team includes staff, parents, and community members to help us achieve academic goals using these funds.

Meadow Lakes Elementary School recognizes that students may need the extra help available through the Title I program to reach the state's high academic standards. Meadow Lakes Elementary School intends to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title I program. Our goal is to create a partnership between the school and the home to help all students to succeed.

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# Title I



## **Our Title I Program is School-Wide**

**Some of the things our funds support:**

- **Family Events**
- **Professional Development**
- **Materials for Students**
- **Supplemental Curriculum**
- **Additional Staff (tutors, teachers, etc.)**

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## **What Title I provides for Students**



Meadow Lakes Elementary School will jointly develop/revise with parents the school parent involvement policy and distribute it to the parents and the community.

Our Title I Plan is created as a result of families, community, and staff input collected during the annual Title I meeting. Parents are invited to attend and participate in our quarterly Title I (STEPP) team meetings.

Meetings may be in the morning or evening. Guests can attend in-person or via phone/internet.

We offer a flexible number of meetings in the following ways:

- Title I information is available at all family events
- Kindergarten Roll in Meetings
- Annual Title I meeting is held at two different times

The Title I plan is available:

- At the front desk
- Online through the link on our website

<https://www.matsuk12.us/domain/8811>

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## Development of the Title I Policy





Parents are encouraged to be involved.

Opportunities for Title I involvement include:

- Participating in Parent Teacher Conferences
- Attending Family Events
- Completing Parent Questionnaires & Surveys
- Monitor the school Facebook page/School Website, and your email for information.
- Participation in the Family-School Compact\*
  - This is created by a committee consisting of school staff members and parents of students. These compacts are distributed and discussed with families.

Parents may submit comments about the plan when the school makes it available to the community. This may be done through questionnaires from our family events, email, surveys, phone calls or conferences.

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## Involvement in the Title I Plan Development



Meadow Lakes Elementary will provide parents with curriculum information, academic assessments, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet and maintain in one school year.

Information on curriculum is available in a number of ways:

- Parent Teacher conferences
- A link titled “Curriculum” can be found on the district website <https://www.matsuk12.us/Page/31575>
- School newsletters may provide information on the programs being taught.

Information about assessments are discussed at conferences, IEPs, 504 Plans, RTI meetings, and anytime parents and teachers feel it necessary to look at a student’s progress.

Information that may be discussed:

- AIMSweb, MAP and PEAKS data
- Skill level (compared to grade level)
- Any interventions that may be necessary to achieve academic goals.

**Information will be offered in a timely manner.**

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## Information Distribution to Parents



The staff, parents, and students of Meadow Lakes Elementary will work together to improve student academic achievement by:

- Reviewing the Family-School Compact
- Conducting Parent Teacher Conferences annually
  - Conferences are held twice a year
  - They may also be held on a “as needed” basis at the request of the parent or teacher
  - Phone or internet conferences may be held if it is not possible for parents to attend in person
- Providing frequent reports to parents on their child’s progress
  - Phone calls may be made about progress and/or any concerns.
- Providing parents with reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer, and participate in their child’s class.
  - Staff members are available by phone or email
  - Volunteer sign up sheets are sent home to ask for help during special occasions and field trips.
- Providing parents with regular meetings to make suggestions and participate in decisions relating to the education of their child.
  - RTI, 504 Plan, IEP meetings
  - Fall and spring conferences
  - Meetings requested by families

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## Partnership for Student Academic Achievement





**Meadow Lakes Elementary will provide assistance to parents in understanding such topics as:**

- **State student academic achievement standards**
- **District academic assessments**
- **Educational plans**
- **Monitoring their child's progress and working with educators to support student growth and development**

**We shall provide materials and support to parents as needed in order to improve their child's achievement and foster parental involvement. The materials and support may include literacy, math, technology support, and interpreters for conferences.**

**School information may be provided to students in additional languages upon request. Also, we offer support and guidance to families of students with challenges that interrupt the learning environment.**

**These actions will be taken to promote effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community. They will also help improve student's academic achievements.**

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## **Educational Provisions**



Meadow Lakes Elementary parents are encouraged to participate in every aspect of their child's educational experience.

Some ways to be involved:

- Maintain your child's attendance
- Volunteer in your child's class
- Attend the family events
- Come to parent teacher conferences
- Participate in school activities: field trips, clubs/sports, awards, assemblies, music programs etc.

We also understand that being involved in your child's educational experience does not necessarily mean time spent at the school site.

Other ways to be involved:

- Read to your child daily
- Get your child to school on time
- Make sure your child gets proper rest the night before school
- Talk to your child about what they are learning in school
- Ask your child's teacher about take and make projects you can do at home
- Provide assistance with homework if needed.

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## Parental Involvement

