

Inverness Primary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2020-2021 School Year

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What is Title I?

Inverness Primary School is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The Title I Grant is designed to support State and local school reform efforts, support academic standards, and improve teaching and learning for students.

Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.

All Title I schools must develop a written parent and family engagement policy with input from parents and family members.

Let's Get Together!

Inverness Primary School will host the following events during the 2020-2021 school year. These events are designed to build strong family connections, support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community, and improve student academic achievement. Events are subject to change based on social distancing or may be held virtually.

Meet Your Teacher Open House – August, 2020

Family Curriculum Night – September, 2020

Dad's Bring Your Child to School – September, 2020

Parent-Teacher Conferences – October, 2020

Fall Fest-October, 2020

Cookies with Santa – December, 2020

Science Night – January, 2021

FSA Parent Night – January, 2021

Literacy Night-February, 2021

Muffins with Moms – March, 2021

Art and Poetry Night – April, 2021

SAC Meetings – Quarterly

Barriers

Participation at Parent and Family Engagement events was hindered during the 2019-2020 school year due to COVID 19. Many events had to be canceled due to the pandemic. In response to this barrier, during the 20-21 school year, schools will offer their normally scheduled activities virtually in the event social distancing cannot be accommodated. Schools will provide needed assistance to families with students of disabilities, limited English proficiency and parents/families of migratory children.



School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, IPS staff and families will develop a School-Parent Compact. This is an agreement developed with parents, teachers, and students to ensure all children reach grade level standards.

- The Compact will be reviewed and updated annually at SAC meetings based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers.
- The School-Parent Compact is shared with parents during Open House and at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Goals of the 2020-2021 IPS School Improvement Plan

IPS has identified three areas of focus for the upcoming school year.

1. Curriculum and Instruction to Improve Student Growth in ELA
2. Curriculum and Instruction to Improve Student Growth in Math
3. Instructional practice specifically relating to small group instruction



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Inverness Primary School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement and support student learning. "Every child is a promise," and for each child, we promise to create an environment that nurtures a lifelong desire to learn. By partnering with parents and our community, we will build a foundation of academic knowledge and skills. Together, we will support students in becoming motivated learners and successful members of society. We will provide a continuum of learning experiences that are focused on the needs of all students.

How is it revised?

Inverness Primary School invites all parents to attend our quarterly SAC Meetings to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, the school improvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. Additionally, an annual survey seeks parent and family suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Inverness Primary School provides full opportunities for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The Parent and Family Engagement Plan is posted on the school website. In addition, the plan will be emailed to all families at the beginning of the school year, and can be requested from the main office at any time.



Parent and Family Engagement

We encourage the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving academic learning and other school activities.

We take Parent Engagement Seriously!

Our plan includes:

- Monthly Parent newsletters, containing information on Title I, IPS Advisory Council, and our PTA.
- Information and links posted on our school website, social media, marquee to keep parents informed.
- We encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education. They are included in decision-making and serve on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

IPS is committed to helping our families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation to participate in our programs. (352)726-2632.



Inverness Primary School is Branching Out!

To strengthen our school and reach our goals, IPS will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school. We will continue to:

- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is available in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website. Skyward, School Messenger, event flyers, and social media are also used for parent communication, in addition to the monthly school newsletter for all families. Communication will be available in Spanish
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff with strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices quarterly.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Parent and Family Engagement members, SAC and other partners in education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the IPS Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at events, provide input cards, and parent surveys to support family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Mission

The Family Engagement Committee functions to build relationships between the Citrus County School District, parents, and the community in setting standards of helping families hold high expectations for their children's education and prepare students to be college and career ready. We will enhance these relationships by supporting communication between home and school, diverse school activities, and the development of appropriate home learning opportunities.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Inverness Primary School invites all parents to join the 2020-2021 SAC Committee. Our goals are to share ideas, involve parents and family members, and build partnerships between the school, families, and the community.

The team will meet four times during the school year. Parents and family members can also submit ideas and suggestions at any school activity, meeting, and through our parent surveys and website.

If you would like to learn more about the School Advisory Council, please contact the office at 726-2632.



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you!

If you have suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not aligned with IPS's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the main office:

(Please use link below for electronic form or print and return)

<https://forms.gle/85xdZ4aJoYC5KMFP6>

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

Please Provide Suggestions On:

School Improvement Plan

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Parent and Family Engagement Funds