

Peabody Elementary **Parent and Family** Engagement Plan

2020-2021

The Peabody Elementary Family Engagement Plan was developed jointly with parents to establish expectations for parental involvement and to define the commitment of the school toward providing parents with the skills and information necessary to help their children achieve academic excellence. It is our goal to assist parents to be knowledgeable of the skills and information needed to help their child/children be successful in school.

Parental Commitment

Peabody Elementary parents will act as advisors, resource persons, and coordinators in the following ways:

- Supporting our school's efforts to maintain a safe and respectful environment
 - Encouraging their child to solve conflicts peacefully
- Supporting our school's efforts to help their child achieve academically
- Assisting their child with homework and special projects
- Expressing ideas, concerns, and suggestions to teachers and school administrators
- Providing frequent and meaningful attention to help their child reach their full potential in school and in life
- Maintaining ongoing communication including attending parent/teacher conferences
- Actively participating in the PTA, Leadership Council, WATCH DOGS and other parent/school committees and trainings
- Responding to memos, surveys and questionnaires expressing their ideas and/or concerns
- Using their talents and resources to enhance Peabody's instructional program
- Becoming Peabody Elementary School supporters and advocates within their community

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

ESSA requires that Peabody Elementary parents, administrators, staff and community members work together to plan for and insure high quality academic programs in the following ways:

- Making parents and community members aware of ESSA and Peabody's participation in state and federal programs
- Providing timely information to families about program and policies administered under ESSA guidelines
- Encouraging parents to observe and volunteer in the school's programs and classrooms
- Providing parents with ongoing, current student information and progress reports

- Soliciting ongoing feedback and suggestions from parents on decisions relating to the education of their children
- Providing parents with copies and explanations of the Family and Parent Engagement Plan and Parent/Student/School Compact
- Assisting parents in understanding Peabody's school curriculum, assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet

School Commitment

Peabody Elementary will encourage families to become meaningfully engaged in their child's education by doing the following:

- Inviting all parents to annual meetings (at flexible times) to inform them of ESSA and Title I requirements, the school's participation in Title I, and the rights of parents to be involved in the school
- Conducting regular and flexible parent meetings, to keep parents informed of current events and issues, timely progress reports, and parent/teacher conferences
- Involving parents in organized and ongoing development and future revisions of the School Improvement Plan, Family and Parent Engagement Plan, Parent/School Compact and other documents and programs relating to their child's academic instruction
- Eliminating language barriers for limited English proficiency parents by providing written and verbal communication in their primary language
- Encouraging parents to meet the challenges of raising happy, successful children by offering diverse parent training and workshops, based on surveyed parental needs
- Providing appropriate resources to support school learning
- Provide information, training opportunities, and family services to improve parents' ability to help with their child's education
- Distributing Parent/Student Handbooks, Family and Parent Engagement Plans and Parent/School Compacts and acquiring appropriate signatures
- Listening to those we serve, our parents, students and stakeholders, to help gain insight into the hearts, minds and cultures of our families and use this information to develop and administer programs and policies that positively affect our student's school experience

I have read and support the Peabody's Family and Parent Engagement Plan

_____ **Parent Signature**

_____ **Student's Name**

