



Cato Elementary School

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SCHOOL PARENT and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT/ INVOLVEMENT PLAN

2023-2024

INTRODUCTION

Cato Elementary Mission: Cato Elementary will collaborate with parents and utilize the state standards, R.I.S.E.(Reading Initiative for Student Success), AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) strategies to create an environment that achieves equity, ensures excellence for all students, and prepares students for college and careers.

AVID Mission: AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

In an effort to accomplish the mission of **Cato Elementary School**, the school is committed to involving teachers, parents, community members and students.

Cato Elementary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirement:

- **Cato Elementary School** will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in the school with Title I, Part A programs consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act(ESEA). Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

VOLUNTEER PLAN (5.01.1.2 ; 5.01.3)

Cato Elementary encourages volunteers (parents and community) to visit the school. Through the participation of the Parent-Teacher Association, a volunteer survey will be sent home to parents during the second week of school. This survey enlists the help of parents and guardians in providing assistance to our teachers and staff in the following areas: PTA, Media Center Volunteers, Chaperone Field Trips, Thanksgiving/Specials Day Lunches with Students, Fall Carnival, Holiday Shop, Teacher Luncheons, Holiday Parties, Field Day Activities, Fifth Grade Promotion, Grandparents' Day and other classroom volunteer opportunities. PTA meetings are held throughout the year. The meetings' main focus is to enable the parents to be informed about ways they can be involved with the school, so that their child will be successful and productive.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS (5.01.1.5)

Each school year, the Leadership Team Committee of **Cato Elementary School** will schedule the following activities in compliance with ACTS 397, 603, and 307:

- **Cato Elementary School** will host 2 Family Nights to meet the requirements of ACT 397 of 2009 and the needs of students. Parents and students will be engaged in literacy and math activities. Title I funds will be used to provide light refreshments and materials (Teachers will help organize, prepare and conduct activities for the event).
- **Cato Elementary School** will host a Title I meeting to provide parents with information about the Curriculum, PBIS, ACT Aspire Spring Results, Attendance and Smart Core.
- **Cato Elementary School** has parents to serve on different committees: PBIS, School Improvement Plan, PTA Committees, Parental Involvement committee.
- **Cato Elementary School** has scheduled the following meetings for the 2023-24 school year:

August- Open House and Title I Annual Meeting;

September – Title 1 Family Night

November - Thanksgiving Celebration with parents and Book Fair; Fall Festival

December –Holiday Performances; Parents Night Out

March- PTA Meeting with grade level performance

May- PK promotion, 5th grade promotion with performances

PARENT INFORMATION CENTER

In compliance with ACT 603, **Cato Elementary School** has a Parent Center that includes current digital and print resources. If parents request information, staff are available to assist them.

PARENT COMMUNICATIONS (5.01.1.6)

At the beginning of each school year, the parents/guardians are provided with a **Cato Elementary School Handbook**, which outlines the policies of the school.

Other communications from the school include:

Agendas, Communicator folders, E-School (HAC), Phone calls and text messages (Thrillshare and School Status), School Notes, Weekly Newsletters from each class, Parent/Teacher Conferences—(State mandated twice yearly and other times as needed), Marque, Social Media Cato page, and PBIS Rewards.

Internet capabilities are offered to parents to use at the school in the Library Learning Center for loaners.

PARENT VISITATION

Parent involvement is encouraged. We have many events planned that the parents are encouraged to attend. If you have questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact the staff at any time.

PARENT FACILITATOR

The parent facilitator for the 2023-2024 school year is Jane Nolan, teacher librarian.

SCHOOLS PARENT COMPACT (5.01.1.2)

School staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent-teacher-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students shall share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and preparing them to be successful in the future.

