## Navajo Public Schools

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## Navajo Elementary Family Engagement Policy

The Navajo Elementary faculty and staff are fully invested in the success of all students. In order to instill a love for learning in our students we rely heavily on the support of informed and engaged parents and community to help develop our students to become life-long learners. The more involved parents are in their child's education the more students realize the importance of a quality education and ideally will carry this belief on into their adult lives.

We recognize that parents have many home and work obligations that could prevent traditional involvement in the school setting. For this reason, we plan to offer different opportunities for parents to participate in our students' educations. In order to ensure strong partnerships between parents and teachers, Navajo faculty and staff are committed to pursuing the following goals in ways that encourage the diversity of our school population and that support the individual needs of our families and community.

## Goals for Parent Involvement:

- Involve and instruct parents in the use of the evidence-based teaching strategies: During APP meetings and Parent-Teacher Conferences teachers give suggestions and materials when needed to assist parents in helping their children.
- Teachers use the classroom group app to video themselves teaching particular skills in order for parents to assist their child at home.
- Continue meaningful and on-going communication between parents and the school. This is accomplished through:
  - classroom newsletters
  - weekly planners
  - classroom messaging groups
  - daily binders
  - school facebook page
  - Navajo School website.
- Develop ways to enable parents to participate in their child's learning.
  - Meet the Teacher Night
  - STEM Fair Projects
  - Participate in our volunteer program. Parent volunteers read to and with students, assist with in-class activities, chaperone field trips
- Utilize community resources to promote family and student success
- Support parents in their roles as the child's first and most important teachers