

## Valley Heights Family Engagement Standards

### **Standard 1. Welcoming All Families Into the School Community**

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Friendly atmosphere
- A family friendly website
- Hosts a variety of events to involve families
- Provide a link to the Kansas Family Information Resource Center on our website
- Provide school tours for new families
- New student mentor program
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade mentor program

### **Standard 2. Communicating Effectively**

- Valley Heights allows continual contact with families and addresses questions/concerns/successes
- Staff and families communicate on a regular basis (weekly, monthly, semi-quarterly, quarterly)
- Valley Heights website will translate information into various languages if needed
- Various mailings, newsletters and etc. to ensure proper communication
- Well maintained website
- School Reach automated phone system

### **Standard 3. Support Student Success**

- Valley Heights provides families opportunities to volunteer
- Valley Heights supports learning at home and provides parents/families with opportunities to participate in learning at home
- Valley Heights provides parent/families with opportunities to participate in student improvement plans and other academic/social supports

#### **Standard 4. Speaking up for every child**

- Valley Heights conducts surveys on a variety of topics as needed to assess parent/family needs/views (KCTC Survey, Olweus Survey, etc.)
- Valley Heights provides a system for parents/families to resolve concerns (teacher, administrator, superintendent, board of education).
- Valley Heights encourages family involvement in the school buildings and after school activities.
- Allocated time during the school day for staff to discuss various strategies needed for individual student success

#### **Standard 5. Sharing Power**

- Valley Heights invites parents/family members to participate in leadership committees (Site Council, Booster Club, Valley Heights Foundation, etc.)
- Valley Heights collaborates with Booster Club, Site Council and etc. to support positive student outcomes.
- Valley Heights provides opportunities for families to participate in the development of policies, programs, improvement efforts and events (Title 1, Mission and Vision statements, Booster Club activities, family activities, etc.)

#### **Standard 6. Collaborating with Community**

- Valley Heights provides information about school activities through the website and newsletters.
- Valley Heights invites businesses to partner with them in a variety of ways.
- Schools involve business and community leaders in leadership committees, and school activities including Site Council, Valley Heights Foundation, Wellness Committee, Technology Committee and Booster Club.
- Valley Heights provides opportunities for families to participate in community events (NHS Carnival, Twin Valley Dance, Community Blood drives, etc.)
- School Reach-automated phone service for various communications to the community