

## USD 498

### Valley Heights Family Engagement Policy

The Valley Heights School District will be governed by the following definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title 1 schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Family engagement is the participation of parents/family in regular, two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including the expectations that:

- parents will play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
- parents will be encouraged to participate in school and other activities in a volunteer capacity

Valley Heights will incorporate the following six standards toward family engagement to promote parent/family involvement. These standards are endorsed by the PTA National Standards for Family School Partnerships, and are part of an effective MTSS (multi-tiered system of support) framework. These standards include: 1) welcoming all families into the school community, 2) communicating effectively, 3) supporting student success, 4) speaking up for every child, 5) sharing power, and 6) collaborating with the community.