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Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2021-2022

Administration and staff at Jesse D. Scott Elementary School and a panel of parents have jointly developed the following Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy was drafted initially on May 15, 2021. A draft of the policy was provided on May 19, 2021 and August through the school website for parent review. Parents provided input to the policy on May 19, 2021 and August 18, 2021. The completed policy was presented to parents in English and Spanish through the school website on August 25, 2021. The information discussed included the Districtwide Survey Results, School Organization Team, Snack Time with Books, and other school-related information. All information from the annual meeting will be posted on the school website for parents to view as needed.

A copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy is available on the school website. Jesse D. Scott Elementary School involves parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way to plan and review to improve the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School Performance Plan. Parents are invited to attend the School Organization Team meeting, which is held on the third Wednesday of every month, to discuss and review the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Staff is available in the front office to translate in Spanish for those parents who need language assistance.

Based on results from the Annual Districtwide Survey, parents were concerned regarding how money from fundraisers are utilized, bully prevention, and activities that take place at school. Jesse Scott has a school social worker, a counselor, and a behavior mentor on campus daily to assist students and parents with behavior concerns. Monthly School Organization Team meetings are held in which parents are invited to hear how funds are utilized. Parents are notified of upcoming events during morning announcements, the school website, Parentlink, newsletters, Facebook, and Twitter posts. To increase participation in the survey, Scott ES sends home reminders and has a computer available for parent use.

The Educational Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review Accords prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accords whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions.

In an effort to ensure that all children are safe, the Clark County School District (CCSD) has revised its policy for volunteers. CCSD Human Resources must clear all adults who have access to, direct contact with, or are left alone with district students before having contact with students. After Human Resources have cleared an individual, a CCSD volunteer badge will be issued. No individual will be allowed on campus or allowed contact with students until they have a CCSD issued badge and have approval from administration.

Parents are their child's first teacher; consequently, it is necessary for parents to be involved throughout their child's educational career. Teachers, administrators, and parents must work together to prepare students to be active learners. Families come to school with diverse backgrounds; however, all parents want what is best for their children. Therefore,



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Jesse D. Scott Elementary School provides a variety of opportunities throughout the school year in which parents can be active participants in academic activities with their children. Parents are invited to participate in Virtual Academic Events that will focus on Literacy, Science, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM), which will allow families to learn strategies that will boost their child's performance at school. Weekly families are invited to join us virtually for Snack Time with Books through a video link.

Jesse D. Scott Elementary School holds a minimum of one scheduled Parent Student Teacher Academic Planning Time each year, where the student's academic progress will be discussed, as well as expectations for the grade level. This includes the school's curriculum, Nevada Academic Content Standards, Nevada's student achievement standards, state and local assessment information (including alternative assessments as appropriate), Nevada's proficiency level targets, participation in school programs including Title I, how to work collaboratively with educators, and other concerns a parent may have. Classroom progress reports are updated and provided to parents through Infinite Campus. Parents are provided with information regarding benchmarking and progress with EZ-CBM, MAP, and Student Learning Plans. Parents have constant access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Staff is available to assist parents with Infinite Campus to check students' grades and update contact information.

Staff at Jesse D. Scott Elementary School are regularly educated on how to reach out to, communicate with, work with parents as equal partners, and build ties between parents and the school. Trainings are provided through the Equity and Diversity Department to increase the relationship between Jesse Scott Elementary School faculty and families. Classroom teachers use various methods to communicate with parents in their native language, such as Google Translate. Faculty, students, and parents partake in cultural enrichment presentations weekly during morning announcements. Examples of these cultural enrichments include Hispanic Heritage Month, American Indian Heritage Month, and African American History Month.

Parents are informed of programs, community services, meetings, and other activities pertaining to Jesse D. Scott Elementary School via morning announcements, Parentlink phone calls, emails, and newsletters are provided in both English and Spanish. We also have a school website, Twitter, and Facebook page, which are updated regularly.

Jesse D. Scott Elementary School coordinates and integrates parent involvement programs and activities with many community partners and entities to encourage and support families to more fully participate in their children's education. Southwest Gas, the Northgate Church, Urban League, Three Square backpack program, Spread the Word Nevada, United Way, F.A.C.E.S., Nevada Cooperative Extension, The Smith Center, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. are some of the community partners with which our school proudly coordinates and partners.

Parents may offer suggestions or ask questions by completing a parent concern form and the Annual District Survey anonymously. The Title I Survey forms can also be used to provide suggestions. Title I forms are in both English and Spanish.