

Valley Heights Elementary Family Engagement Standards

Standard 1. Welcoming All Families Into the School Community

Open House is held annually

friendly atmosphere

a family friendly website

hosts a variety of events to involve families (i.e. open house, fall festival, literacy night, grandparent's day, etc.)

provide a link to the Kansas Family Information Resource Center on our website

provide free family and student activities and events

provide school tours for new families

Standard 2. Communicating Effectively

Valley Heights makes 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

well maintained website

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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 (guided reading backpacks, homework, evaluations)

Valley Heights provides parent/families with opportunities to participate in setting student goals, monitoring progress, etc. through meetings, progress reports, etc.

Standard 4. Speaking up for every child

Valley Heights conducts surveys on a variety of topics as needed to assess parent/family needs/views (looping, communication, 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.

Valley Heights strives to inform parents of educational opportunities such as Parents as Teachers, preschool, Kinderprep, Title One, Reading Recovery, homework help during our after-school program, Colts Round-up, etc.

Standard 5. Sharing Power

Valley Heights invites parents/family members to participate in leadership committees (Site Council, Colts Booster Club, Parent Involvement Committee, Valley Heights Foundation, etc.)

Valley Heights collaborates with Booster Club, and other parent organizations i.e. Site Council and the Parent Involvement Committee) to support positive student outcomes.

Valley Heights provides opportunities for families to participate in the development of policies, programs, improvement efforts and events (e.g. Title 1, vision and mission 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 (classroom “buddies”, volunteer opportunities, field trips, etc.)

Schools involve business and community leaders in leadership committees, and school activities including Site Council, Parent Involvement Committee, Valley Heights Foundation, Booster Club.

Valley Heights provides opportunities for families to participate in community events (literacy night, fall festival, homecoming, grandparents day, volunteering, etc.)

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