



SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: PARENT AND
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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Purpose

The Board recognizes the vital role parents/guardians and family play in the education, welfare and values of their children. The charter school is committed to the belief that all students can learn and acknowledges that schools and families share a commitment to the educational success of students.

Definition

Parental and family engagement shall be defined as an ongoing process that assists parents/guardians and families to meet their basic obligation as a child's first educator, promotes clear two-way dialogue between home and school, and supports parents/guardians as leaders and decision-makers concerning the education of their children at all levels.

Authority

The Board recognizes that the responsibility for each student's education is shared by the school and the family and acknowledges that schools and families must work as knowledgeable, cooperative partners to effectively educate all students. To this end, the Board shall support the development, implementation, and continuing evaluation of a parental and family engagement program that will involve parents/guardians at all grade levels in a variety of roles.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Chief Executive Officer or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parental engagement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians and district staff on the adequacy of parental engagement opportunities and barriers that may inhibit parent/guardian participation.

Guidelines

Ketterer Charter School will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with the following parental engagement definition:

- parents play a vital role in assisting their child's learning
- parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, when appropriate, in decision-making to assist in the education of their child

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Ketterer Charter School will take the following actions to engage parents in the shared development of its parental engagement plan.

- At the Back to School Open House, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be discussed. At following individual meetings throughout the year, suggestions and concerns from parents will be addressed.
- A Parent Survey will also request information from parents on significant parental activities.
- Engage parents in the development of the Title I Plan.

Ketterer Charter School will conduct transitional meetings between the home school district, RKCS Guidance Department, RKCS Administration or designee.

Ketterer Charter School will:

- Provide all parents at the Back to School Open House with curriculum maps with all academic content and PA standards addressed.
- Provide all parents at the Back to School Open House with PSSA Information.
- Conduct Parent – Teacher conferences to individually address students’ academic progress.
- Provide all parents of Title I students, Ketterer Charter School’s “Title I Services” brochure to use as a resource.
- Supply the district’s web site that contains pertinent parental information.
- Include parents in the development of the Professional Education Plan, which addresses professional development needs of the faculty.
- Parents of students who receive special education services will be provided a copy of procedural safeguards annually.

Ketterer Charter School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their child’s academic achievement.

Ketterer Charter School will identify barriers to participation by parents/guardians who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority through surveys and parent/teacher conferences.

Ketterer Charter School recognizes that a child’s education is the responsibility shared by the school and the family and agrees that to effectively educate all students, the school and parents must work cooperatively.

To support this principle, Ketterer Charter School instituted a Parent Engagement group that meets at the end of each school year. The purpose of this meeting is to assist the Title I staff and Professional Development Committee in the development, implementation, and evaluation of parental programs that will meet the needs of parents.