



# **Atkinson Elementary School**

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## **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

**2024-25**

### **Mission Statement**

The staff at Atkinson Elementary will work together to provide a safe, nurturing environment in which every child has the opportunity to successfully develop the academic and social and emotional skills necessary to effectively contribute to an increasingly diverse society.

### **School Beliefs (Core Values)**

- Student learning is the highest priority of the school.
- Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- Teachers, administrators, families, and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.
- Exceptional students are provided with appropriate special services and resources.
- A safe and nurturing environment promotes student learning.
- Students learn in different ways and will be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning.

### **School Vision**

Children who attend Atkinson Elementary will succeed as lifelong learners.

## **Atkinson Elementary Parent and Family Involvement Policy**

### **Convene an Annual Meeting**

At our annual open house gatherings, Atkinson Elementary School will provide comprehensive details concerning Title I funding and associated programs. We will distribute a parental notification letter outlining Atkinson's Title I program to all families, making it accessible via our school's website as well. Additionally, during Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings, Atkinson Elementary will facilitate family input, questions, and answers regarding our Title I Program.

### **Offer a Flexible Parent and Family Engagement Educational and Informational Activities**

Atkinson Elementary will provide educational and informational activities and opportunities for families throughout the school year. These include, but are not limited to, academic engagement activities, information about student assessments that will detail proficiency levels and expected student growth, and strategies families can use to help students succeed. Other topics may be added based on feedback from family surveys conducted throughout the school year. Events will be held at varying times to accommodate the needs of working families and may include some at home virtual events. Childcare and transportation could be provided as needed.

**Involve Parents and Families in an Organized, Ongoing, and Timely Way**

Atkinson Elementary will provide parent representation on the School Improvement Team, the PTO board, and Superintendent’s Parent Advisory Council. Parents and families will be included in decisions involving the School Improvement Plan and this Parent and Family Engagement Policy and will be asked to serve on various school committees. Please contact the school if you have any questions or interest.

**Provide Timely Information**

Individual teacher conferences will be scheduled at times convenient for families, as well as MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) meetings, 504 meetings, and IEP (Individualized Education Program) placement meetings. School and Teacher newsletters, websites, social media, educational apps, report cards, progress reports, and standardized test results will all be used to keep families informed about school events and their child’s educational needs and progress.

**Provide for Family Comments**

Atkinson Elementary will provide opportunities for family comments on the schoolwide plan through conferences, committees, the School Improvement Team, and surveys.

Atkinson Elementary recognizes the importance of home and school communication, involvement, and collaboration for the success and well-being of our students and encourages parents to communicate regularly with faculty and staff.

**Parent and Family Engagement Activities 2024-2025**

Atkinson hosts a variety of parent and family engagement activities and events, including Veterans Day Assembly and Breakfast for Atkinson Family Veterans, Lunch & Lead, Music Programs, Variety Talent Show, PTO Events, Rising Kindergarten Readiness, and individual celebration events.

August 8	Meet-the-Teacher
September 10	Open House
End of 1st Qtr	Individual Parent Conferencing (K-5)
November 8	Veteran Day Assembly (For Veteran Families)
November 22	Lunch and Lead (Grades 1, 3, 5)
December 12	Holiday Music Program 6:00 (Grades 4 & 5)
December 13	Lunch and Lead (Grades K, 2, 4)
TBD	Math Family Engagement
	Number Munchers / Muffins and Math
February 27	Music Program 6:00 (Grades 2 & 3)
May 1	Music Program 6:00 (Grades K & 1)
May 19	Field Day

Dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and schedules.

Please complete [Parent, Family, & Staff Input and Approval Form](https://forms.gle/svji36TQRskEXu5G6)

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