

Anderson Elementary School

2020-2021 Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Success

Plan Revised August 28, 2020

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Anderson Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Anderson Elementary values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Anderson Elementary will support family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Anderson Elementary invited all families to attend a virtual orientation this fall to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school improvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, family input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year by contacting the front office. The plan is posted on our school website for families to view. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions. Families can also give feedback during several meetings and activities during the school year. In addition, we encourage anyone who would like to support this process to apply to be on our Parent Advisory Council that meets through the year to provide feedback and adjust plans for all school operations.

Who is it for?

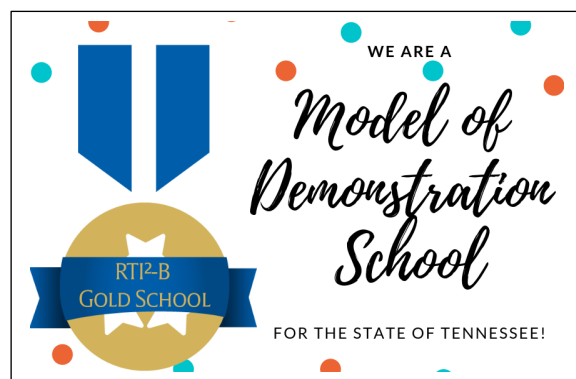
All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Anderson Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan will be posted on the school website and social media. Families can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office of the school.

What is Title I?

Anderson Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



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Learning and Leading to Create our World

Goals for 2020-2021

2020-2021 District Goals

By Spring, we will improve whole child supports, literacy, and numeracy. In addition, we will increase the number of students participating in EPSO and number of ready graduates.

2020-2021 Anderson Elementary School Goals

During the 2020-2021 school year, Anderson will increase proficiency on TNReady reading and math and STAR assessments.

During the 2020-2021 school year, Anderson will decrease the number of office referrals and increase parent engagement.



Parent and Family Engagement

Anderson Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That 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.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Anderson Elementary and our families partner through a school-parent compact. A compact is a written agreement that families, teachers, and students jointly develop to explain how everyone will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from families, students, and teachers. The school-parent compacts are sent home each fall and spring. Additionally personalized learning goals for reading and math are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences. Families receive updates through our website. If you would like to provide feedback on the compact any time during the year, please contact Dr. Christian at christiang@btcs.org.



Anderson is Leading!



The Connection

The Connection addresses needs established by the school system, parents, and community stakeholders with the goal of having a positive impact on students, who will ultimately guide the future of our community. **The Connection's** goal is to continually improve community involvement and confidence in our school district.



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Anderson Elementary will take the following measures to empower and support parents and family members as an important foundation of our school in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals.

We will:

- ❖ Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is available in English and Spanish; shared through weekly updates; and includes in classroom newsletters for all families.
- ❖ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement in reading and math for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share research-based practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ❖ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ❖ Share information in the Parent and School Compact Brochures for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ❖ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, our website, social media, and flyers.
- ❖ Work with our families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ❖ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ❖ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ❖ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Let's Get Together!

Anderson Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement and support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Most meetings for parents and family members will be held in the evening at 6:00 pm. See the entire listing of events on our website: www.anderson.btc.org.

Annual Title I Meeting/Orientation-Week of August 10th, Kindergarten-August 6th 9:00 A.M.

Each grade level will have a scheduled on-site orientation time to complete needed paperwork, distribute technology, and gather materials/information for the year. These sessions will be scheduled for two hour blocks in order to have everything complete. Kindergarten through second grade families do not have to bring their students with them for these sessions; however, they are certainly welcome. Please bring a backpack for your student's device. We will show families how to access our digital tools and ensure you are able to use and access those resources. Third through sixth grade students will attend virtual sessions and families are invited to two virtual orientation sessions. We encourage families to only have one guest per student. However, we understand there are extenuating circumstances for certain families that may require additional guests, and we will try to accommodate those requests. Should your family need to have more than one adult on-site for this orientation, please contact the office in order for us to keep count of those in the building. We ask everyone to arrive on-time to ensure a prompt start.

Virtual Open House – August 27, 2020

Meet your child's teacher and learn about important grade level skills and standards that your child will be working on this year as well as COVID Procedures in the classrooms.

Halloween Trick or Treat Street – October 29, 2020

Come join us for a night of spooky fun with the entire family. Students and families can visit your favorite teachers down our hallways and into the parking lot while gather goodies along the way. The night ends in the parking lot with your favorite characters reading a book.

Believe Winter Festival- December 17, 2020

Come join us for a winter celebration for the entire family. Students and families can spend time reading books, face painting, and enjoying inflatables followed by hot chocolate and cookies. This is a celebration for our Model School Status and positive school culture.

Reading Buddies Parties-Scheduled Four Times across the Year

Join teachers and the reading buddies to celebrate reading and learning to read. This event is open to all students in grades K-2 and their families. Each child will receive a book and gift while parents will create a make and take activity to help your child with grade level reading skills.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 22, 2020 and February 4, 2021

Teachers are available to meet with parents to discuss progress for your child from 3:30-6:30 on these dates.

Spring into Summer Event – Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration- Date TBD

Join Elementary Teachers and PTA to celebrate spring. Enjoy literacy activities, book fair, summer camp registration, and family fun.

Field Day– May 14th with May 17th as the Rain Date

Join Anderson Teachers and Coach Dixon to celebrate physical education. Enjoy outdoor games and lunch on the lawn.

Honors Day Celebrations-May 18th and May 19th

Parents are invited to celebrate a year of learning with our teachers and students. Times to be determined.

*Dates and Events subject to change/cancellation due to COVID-19 Guidance

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Anderson Elementary and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are: 1. Welcoming All Families into the School Community 2. Communicating Effectively 3. Supporting Student Success 4. Speaking Up for Every Child 5. Sharing Power 6. Collaborating with Community

