



# Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

## Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan: 2021-2022

Palm Pointe is committed to involving parents and community members in school activities and meetings to promote effective relationships, form a strong school-home partnership, and increase student achievement.

### Mission Statement

The mission of Palm Pointe Educational Research School is that through engaging, rigorous, and differentiated quality instruction, PPE commits to a comprehensive, collaborative system of support for ALL students. This ensures that Rockets are fully equipped for their next mission!

### Involvement of Parents and Community

- Palm Pointe will offer a variety of parent and family engagement events to strengthen its school-home partnership and to involve the community in students' education, including curriculum events, recognition events, and information sessions.
- Parents may serve on the School Advisory Council (SAC). If interested, please contact the school at (772) 345-3245.
- Members of SAC engage in a review of the School Improvement Plan and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and all parents are provided the opportunity to give feedback through an annual survey.
- Parents will receive a Title I Parent Involvement/Satisfaction Survey in the spring of 2022 to provide feedback on programs and events offered throughout the 2021-2022 school year, in addition to individual evaluation forms supplied at events.

### Coordination and Integration

- Exceptional Student Education and IDEA
- Title IX (McKinney Vento Act - Homeless Education)
- Early Childhood/Kindergarten Blast-Off

### Virtual Title I 'Parent Meeting'

- The annual Title I/Title IX meeting will be presented virtually, as part of the 21-22 PPE Classroom Companion Series first installment. A recorded version of the Title I/Title IX presentation will be available on the school's website and YouTube channel on 9/29/2021, with an active Forms link to collect questions.
- The recorded meeting will be advertised through grade level communication, flyers, and the school's social media.

### Parents' Right to Know

- Parents/guardians may request information regarding the professional qualifications of teachers and staff who work with their child. Please call the school at (772) 345-3245 or email [Rachel.Koenig@stlucieschools.org](mailto:Rachel.Koenig@stlucieschools.org) for more information.

### Flexible Parent Meetings & Conferences

- Parent and family engagement events and meetings will be scheduled at varied dates and times and will be presented in a format which reflects current health and safety guidelines. This may include virtual events, when in-person events have not yet resumed.
- Presentation materials will be made available for families who are unable to attend scheduled meetings via the school website or provided through email or other digital platforms.
- Parents may request a parent-teacher conference to discuss academic and/or behavior progress and concerns at a time which is mutually convenient for all involved parties. Conferences are one of the most important ways parents/guardians and teachers can work together as a team and discuss strategies that can be implemented at home. An interpreter can be available upon request.

## **Building Capacity**

- A variety of parent and family engagement activities designed to promote effective school/home partnerships and improve understanding of curriculum and assessments may occur during the 2021-2022 school year. Events will be offered in a format which reflects the most current health and safety guidelines. Examples of events are included below:
  - Grade Level and Grade Band Events
    - Title I funds have been allotted for teachers to plan, prepare, and facilitate parent and family engagement activities throughout the year. Examples include trivia/game nights, data sessions, and themed curriculum support events.
    - Middle School Matters Orientation Session – held in May
    - School-Wide and/or Grade Band events focused on content and supporting learning at home – Literacy Week
  - Community Events – subject to health and safety recommendations
    - Breakfast with Santa
    - Volunteer Orientation
    - Cultural Heritage Breakfast
    - Book Fair
    - Winter Music Performance
  - School Curriculum-Based Events
    - Kindergarten Blast-Off
    - Classroom Companion Monthly Series
    - Middle School Spring Art Show
- Staff development opportunities are provided to improve effective communication with parents and promote positive and school/home partnerships.

## **Communication**

- Information related to curriculum, assessment, and academic progress is sent to and shared with the parents of participating children in a timely manner.
  - Weekly Communication from Teachers
  - Information Sessions and Workshops
  - Progress Reports and Report Cards
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Translation services are available upon request.
- Parents will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan at the end of the academic year.

## **Accessibility**

- Palm Pointe will make certain that information related to curriculum, assessment, and academic progress is sent to and shared with the parents of participating children in a timely manner, in an understandable format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand, including English, Spanish, and Creole.
- Whenever possible, informational flyers, adverts, permission slips, etc. will be sent to families digitally through email or posted on the school's website. Graded work will be sent home once weekly.
- Information pertinent to large groups, such as school-wide happenings or grade band activities, will be advertised on the school's social media, website, and/or through a School Messenger phone alert.
- Presentation materials will be provided on the school website for those who are unable to attend events. Materials from family engagement events will also be available upon request from the Title I liaison, or the facilitating teacher/grade level.

**Palm Pointe's Website:** <http://tradition.fau.edu/>

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