

Kestrel Heights Charter School will employ the following strategies for encouraging effective parental involvement:

COMMUNICATION

- Parent-Family Engagement Policy will be distributed to all parents. This policy outlines the parents' right to know if/when schools are identified for School Improvement, the credentials of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, ways parents can become meaningfully involved in their child's education, and other pertinent information about their child's education.
- Parents will be informed annually if their child is identified for Title I services. The notification will inform parents how their children will be served. If the parents choose to decline Title I services for their child, they will complete a form for documentation.
- Parents will sign a School-Parent-Student Compact that outlines the duties and obligations of each party to ensure that students reach high academic standards. This annual compact will be maintained in the school's official Title I documents.
- Progress reports and student information will be sent home for parents to review, sign, and return to teachers. Student information may include work samples, student behavior reports, and teacher observations.
- Kestrel Heights will use a variety of resources to connect home and school: the Kestrel Heights website, translated documents, newsletters, meetings, and technological programs.
- Swift K12 is a phone and email system used to notify parents about school events. This system can also deliver messages in different languages.
- Class Dojo is a web-based program used to notify parents of school events. This system can also interpret and deliver messages between teachers and parents in different languages.
- To the extent possible, forms and documents are available in Spanish and English. Kestrel Heights has bilingual staff members to assist families with conferences, family activities, and communication between home and school.
- Parents will have an opportunity to attend parent-teacher conferences at least twice per school year to monitor student progress.
- Kestrel Heights will update the Parent-Family Engagement Plan each year.

TRAINING AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Parent-Family Engagement events will be held throughout the school year and designed to provide parents with information regarding ways they can help their children be more successful in school.
- The Parent-Family Engagement calendar will be published and provided to parents annually.
- The school will inform parents of the Title I programs and services at the beginning of the year meeting. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the Title I teachers and view samples of student work.
- Normal parental activities, such as PTA meetings, carnivals, field trips, meetings, and student performances will continue to be held on a regular basis.