



DIGITAL ARTS & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY (DATA)

School Family Engagement Policy

The purpose of our parent involvement policy is to ensure that we involve our parents to the maximum extent possible in their children's education and school.

1. We will conduct an annual meeting in the first semester of the school year to which all parents / community members are invited and encouraged to attend. The requirements of Title I and the rights of the parents will be discussed. Sign-in sheets will be used to document participation at all meetings. Minutes will be taken and include comments and questions.
2. DATA will hold meetings during the year (including parent involvement meetings, open house, parent / teacher conferences etc.) for the parents / community at various times to ensure the opportunity to participate in their students' education.
3. The parents / community will be invited to participate in the development of and implementation of this policy. We will ensure that parents have a voice in the development of all Title I policies and programs, and they are signatories of all plans and policies.
4. Title I information will be included in school flyers and on the school's web site. In addition, we will hold meetings at the school to discuss goal setting, progress toward goals, Individualized Learning Plans, and assessment results. The teachers all have published email addresses so that parents / community members can freely contact teachers to discuss their student's education.
5. If any parents / community members are not satisfied with the Title I program plan, they may submit comments to the school; and these will be answered in a timely manner. All comments and correspondence from parents / community, positive or negative, will be saved, kept in the Title I notebook and used to help with the design and implementation of the Title I program.
6. A compact which includes parents, students, teachers and administration has been developed with the parents / community that spells out the responsibilities of all parties to ensure that all students reach their potential. In addition, the compact will spell out the methods of communication the school will use to ensure maximum contact between the parents and those at school who are responsible for the education of the scholars. These will include, but are not limited to, regular progress reports and the publication of teachers' contact information.
7. DATA Governing Council meetings are held monthly (with the exception of January, July, and August); and they are open to parents and community members.
8. DATA will provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the students to meet the State's academic achievement standards.
9. DATA will assist the parents / community in the understanding of state standards, common core, district and school assessments, how to assist their students, and monitor progress.

10. The parent involvement meetings will include the sharing of test score information and state grading status as well as information on how the parents / community can support the academic education of their children or themselves. Feedback will be sought on how to best meet parent and student needs. The school staff will work with the parents / school community to ensure that all parties are aware of and understand the state regulations.
11. DATA will ensure that parental involvement is not limited to Title I but will extend to all programs that students may be participating in, regardless of the source of funding and the origin of the program (school, district, state or federal).
12. All DATA meetings will be announced in a timely fashion, in multiple formats, and in the languages of the families that send scholars to the school.
13. Data collected (participation rates, plus / deltas, comments, etc.) will be used to plan the following year's parental involvement policy and activities.
14. Every effort will be made by all parties involved to increase scholar literacy and numeracy levels by using appropriate pedagogy and rigorous curriculum.