**Fulbright Elementary School**

**Parent Engagement Plan**

**2022-2023**

**“Home of the Falcons”**



**Vision Statement**

Fulbright celebrates diversity by creating an inclusive educational environment. We empower students through collaboration and engagement. We invest in our students socially and intellectually by providing a safe haven that models unity and respect, so they will be successful and responsible citizens.

**Mission Statement**

Soaring to Greatness…Everyday!

**Jointly Developed**

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**Communication**

Fulbright will communicate with parents to increase parent and family engagement to support classroom instruction by:

* + Distributing weekly/monthly newsletters published by teachers, specialists, and the principal;
  + Publishing the "Parent Page", which is a school‐wide publication developed with the participation of the PTA, principal, nursing staff and counselor;
  + Maintaining a school website that provides parents access to classroom information; such as schedules, homework, newsletters;
  + Providing parents access to student's academic progress through HAC
  + Providing parents with consistent behavior notifications school-wide using Class Dojo
  + Encouraging parents to use email and communication folders to routinely communicate with members of the school staff (e.g. teachers, specialists, etc.) on an individual basis regarding their child's progress;
  + Requiring each teacher to send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week
  + Providing weekly reports, interim reports and report cards‐ a parent‐teacher conference will accompany the first 9 weeks' report card to discuss students' progress;
  + Offering parents special opportunities each year to voice their opinions and suggestions in regards to the school's approach to school improvement through parent surveys;
  + Offering parents numerous opportunities to stay connected and informed about parent workshops, meetings, upcoming events, and planned activities through brochures/flyers sent home with students, notices posted around the school facilities, advertisement through the school's morning broadcast, and the use of the social media sites.
  + Providing communication in the language that parents can understand, upon request.
  + Distributing the school's Parent & Family Information Packet.
  + Providing the opportunity during parent engagement activities to review, receive, and may sign off on the District's Parent & Family Engagement Plan.
  + Fulbright provides opportunities for parents and community members to support the foundation of the Little Rock School District's instructional programming through Reading Buddies, tutoring and mentoring. We will also compose and maintain a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents throughout the school year. Parental instruction of how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities and strategies at home are provided throughour schools' Literacy and Math Nights as well as other parent‐specific trainings (e.g. Homework Help, HAC access, Myon training, etc.). Teachers and Building administration will provide professional development designed to enhance their understanding of effective parent and family engagement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.
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  + Fulbright kindly asks that parents and guardians consider completing a parent interest survey prior to the end of the school year. The survey will enable parents to evaluate the activities and events that their child/family participated in throughout the year and give them an opportunity to submit honest feedback about the ones that were most beneficial in supporting their child(s) academic and social growth. The results of the parent interest survey will be used to plan the parent and family engagement activities for the upcoming school year.
  + The Fulbright Administration, Grade Level Classroom Teachers (Pre‐K through 5th), Specialists (Music, Art, PE, GT, Counselor, Reading Teacher and Multi-Site Math Facilitator) and the Parent‐Teacher Association (PTA) plan/sponsor/host/facilitate numerous student-parent-family events throughout the year. All parties work together to ensure that the monthly meetings, activities and events promote a positive learning environment, encourage family participation, build teacher/staff and parent relationships, and increase parent and family engagement. Each event is thoughtfully planned with the parent/child relationship in mind.
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**Year at a glance**

* + Back to School Meet and Greet, August 18th - Sherkeyer Jackson/447‐4702
  + Boy Scout Night, September 2022 - Sherkeyer Jackson/447‐4702
  + Girl Scout Night, September 2022 Sherkeyer Jackson/447‐4702
  + Fulbright Open House, September 2022 - Sherkeyer Jackson/447‐4702
  + Title 1 Parent Meeting, September 2022 – Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
  + Falcon Fun Run Pep Rally, September 12th – PTA 447-4700
  + Donuts for Dudes (Pre-K) TBA –Susan Shelton/447-4795
  + Falcon Fun Run Event, September 23, 2022 – PTA 447-4700
  + Watch Dog Dad Pizza Party Night, October 2022 – Mr. Kimberlin-PTA/447‐4700
  + Fall Carnival, October 2022- PTA/447‐4700
  + Fancy Fruit Feast, November 2022– Susan Shelton/447-4795
  + Fall Parent‐Teacher Conferences, October 27th and 28th - Sherkeyer Jackson/447‐4702
  + Math Night/Literacy Night November 17th – Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
  + PTA RIF Distribution #1, October 21st - PTA/447-4700
  + Red Ribbon Week, October 2022 - Rhonda Smith‐ Baker/447‐4704
  + Spelling Bee Competition, November 2022 – Cynthia Khoury /447‐4700
  + Pre-K Thanksgiving Breakfast, November 2022 – Susan Shelton/447-4795
  + Scholastic Book Fair, November 7th-11th ‐Celeste Molsbee / 447-4706
  + VIPS Reading Day, November 2022 ‐ Celeste Molsbee /447‐4706
  + Grandparent's Days, November 10th and 11th – PTA/447‐4700
  + Musical Nights (4th Grade) December 2022 – Music Specialist/447-4742
  + Classroom Holiday Celebrations, December 21st, 2022 - Sherkeyer Jackson/447‐4702
  + PTA RIF Distribution #2, January 20th – PTA/447-4700
  + Mother/Son Event, April 2022 – PTA/447-4700
* Career/ GT Night, February 9th- Rhonda Smith-Baker/ Cynthia Khoury
  + Father‐Daughter Dance, February 10th – PTA/447-4700
  + Classroom Valentine's Parties, February 14th – Sherkeyer Jackson/447-4702
  + Spring Parent‐Teacher Conferences, February 16th and 17th - Sherkeyer Jackson/447‐4702
  + PTA Bright Night, March 11th – PTA/447-4700
  + PTA RIF Distribution #3, March 17th - PTA/447-4700
  + Fine Arts Night, May 11th – Napoleon Dezaldivar - 447-4742
  + Field Day, May 5th ‐ Jennifer Horn/447‐4748/PTA
* Pre-K Graduation, May 18th – Rhonda Izard 447-4731
  + 5th Grade Graduation Celebration, May 26th - Amanda Crosby/447-4780
  + Teacher Appreciation May 1-5th PTA/447-4700

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The purpose of the Parent Center is to actively engage parents and caregivers of our Fulbright students as full partners in their child's education. The Parent Center provides parents and guardians a place to access a computer with free internet service as well as resources and materials that support and encourage the home-school connection.

**Annual Title One Meeting**

Fulbright will host their annual Title 1 Meeting September TBA. Fulbright will provide ample time to discuss the requirements and participation of Title I; parents will be informed of their rights under Title I for the areas of description/explanation of school allocation of funds, curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and information on proficiency level students are expected to meet. Parents will have the opportunity to view and receive a copy of the 2022-2023 Parent & Family Engagement Information Packet. The school shall submit evidence of the Title I Meeting by completing the LRSD Annual Title I Verification Form and submitting to the Title I Office November 2022. The agenda, the sign-in sheet and the minutes for this meeting must be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school's office. Contact person: Sherkeyer Jackson, Principal, 447-4700.

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**School-Parent Compact**

Fulbright school staff, parents, and students incorporate the use of a school‐parent‐student compact, which is distributed during our annual check‐in/registration. This compact agreement outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. A copy of the compact agreement is kept in each student's permanent record and re‐visited annually.

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

FULBRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME/SCHOOL LEARNING COMPACT

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

(Any parent who is interested in helping with this student may sign in lieu of the parent.) I want my child to achieve. Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

⎫ Ensure that my child is on time each day and attends school regularly

⎫ Support the school discipline policy

⎫ Establish a time for homework and review it regularly

⎫ Provide a quiet well lighted place for study

⎫ Encourage my child's efforts and be available for questions

⎫ Stay aware of what my child is learning

⎫ Provide a library card for my child

⎫ Read with my child and let my child see me read

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT AGREEMENT

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

⎫ Attend School regular;

⎫ Come to school each day with pens, pencil, paper, and other necessary tools for learning

⎫ Complete and return homework assignments

⎫ Observe regular study hours

⎫ Conform to rules of student conduct

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER AGREEMENT

It is important that student achieve. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

⎫ Provide appropriate and meaningful homework assignments for students

⎫ Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help assist with the assignments

⎫ Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress;

⎫ Use special activities in the classroom to make learning enjoyable

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL AGREEMENT

I support this form of parent and family engagement. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

⎫ Provide an environment that allows for positive communication between the teachers, parents and student

⎫ Ensure teachers homework assignments that will reinforce classroom instruction regularly.

⎫ Ensure high-quality curriculum and instruction that meets the State's student academic achievement standards

⎫ Engage parents in parent-teacher conferences in which this compact will be discussed

⎫ Ensure that parents receive frequent reports on their child's progress

⎫ Ensure parental access to staff to support partnerships

⎫ Provides parents opportunities to volunteer and observe classroom activities

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations of Funds**

LRSD receives more than $500,000 in Title I Part A allocation for eligible students, therefore Fulbright will receive 1 percent from the Districts Parent & Family Engagement allocation to support the parent and family activities. Reservation of funds will be discussed during Fulbright's annual Title 1 Meeting September, 2022. Fulbright will provide ample time to discuss a description/explanation of school funds and how they will be used for this purpose. As soon as Fulbright receives the annual parent and family engagement allocation, we will provide an update and opportunity for feedback to the parents.

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