



Columbia Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2025-2027

In accordance with Federal Law [20 U. S. C. 6318(b), (c), (e)], Columbia Elementary has developed and distributed this parental involvement policy.

- Columbia Elementary will convene at our yearly Back-to-School Night and the opening PTA meeting—an event to inform all parents of the school's participation in the Title I program and their right to be involved. This information will also be available on the school website, on the school community bulletin board, and in a letter sent to every home in Spanish and English.
- Leadership teams have been established which include parents, certified staff, and classified staff. This committee will meet to review, revise, and discuss progress of this policy and of the Title I plan that they developed.
- Parents will be informed of curriculum used in the school, academic assessments used to measure student progress, and yearly achievement expectations in classroom disclosure statements sent home the first week of the school year.
- Parents will receive materials and training on how best to work with their students to improve their achievement in the following ways:
 - Family Nights at school focused on STEM, Literacy, Math, and Culture
 - Classroom home notes, trackers, parent teacher conferences, report cards, letters concerning student performance (Acadience, WIDA, RISE), classroom based applications focused on communication between school and home.
- Columbia Elementary will house and coordinate with an on-site parent advocate. Columbia Elementary will partner with community agencies, including but not limited to, Utah Food Bank, Big Smiles, Usana KidsEat, Mothers of Professional Basketball Players, Jordan Family Education Center, Lifeline Community.
- Columbia Elementary will provide critical written home communication in English, Spanish, and other languages, to the extent possible. We will also provide interpretation services, to the extent feasible.
- Together with the PTA, the school will use school survey data to educate teachers, provide more information to instructional staff, and increase awareness to the entire school community. Parents will be invited to attend PTA and School Community Council meetings to help develop a School-Parent/Family Compact and Family Engagement Policy that outlines shared responsibility for improved student academic achievement and strives to build ties between parents and school staff.

Columbia Elementary is committed to providing clear and frequent communication to parents, as well as opportunities for families to participate in activities related to student achievement and other areas of development. Columbia uses flyers, home notes, ParentSquare, marquee, email, and other educational applications (Class Dojo, Remind) to communicate with families.

