



Journey East Academy
2023-2024 Family Engagement Plan

Paving Pathways to Success

We whole-heartedly welcome and support the feedback and suggestions of parents at Journey East Academy. Our goal is to prepare parents and families to be knowledgeable of the skills and information needed to help their children to be successful in school, to establish the expectation for parental and family involvement, to build a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards, and share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. This plan has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the parents, students, and staff of Journey East Academy and will be shared with all parents via *ParentSquare*. A hard copy of this plan will also be distributed to all parents in the school, and available to community partners, in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, provide it in a language that parents can understand. This plan is currently being implemented.

Journey East Academy will encourage and foster positive school and family involvement in the following ways:

- Provide opportunities through on-going meetings and surveys for parental input to express ideas, concerns, and receive a timely response.
- Clarify terms using simple and direct language in a language that parents and families can understand.
- Provide organized, ongoing opportunities for parents and families evaluate the improvement of the school's parental and family involvement policy and development of the school-wide programs, climate, and effectiveness.
- Provide timely information regarding family and parent programs via *ParentSquare*, monthly calendars, and grade-level newsletters and have materials printed in both English and Spanish.
- Provide access to the district and school-wide handbook covering school rules, policies, and procedures.
- Provide ongoing opportunities for regular meetings for suggestions, decision-making, and responses through family events, trainings, and meetings with flexible times, both morning and evening, including interpreter services when necessary.
- Provide Parent/Teacher Conferences to discuss academics and behavior as well as state academic content standards, state and local academic assessments, how to monitor a child's progress, and working with educators to improve student achievement.
- Host an Annual Title I Meeting with flexible times for families. Parents and families will be informed school rating, curriculum, rights as a parent, student supports, and allocation of Title I funds.
- Encourage parents to check homework, student conduct, *ParentSquare*, Dean's List, and *PowerSchool* for school and teacher communication, scholar's grades, and behavior updates.
- Jointly participate with families and community stakeholders in the development of the *School Improvement Plan (SIP)*, Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the School Compact. Each student will receive a copy to be signed during the school year.