



SPARK Academy @ James L. Cowart Elementary School Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan

We will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement.

At the Annual Title I Parent Meeting, parents are informed about the parent resource area located in the Title I room and by the Front Office and these resources are made available for parents to check out. Several apps such as StarFall, and Prodigy can be accessed from home and families are encouraged to help support their students learning by using these apps as well as others. Teachers also share ideas to support student learning in their weekly newsletters. **S'MORE**, the school newsletter is sent to all families weekly with information about upcoming school activities. These newsletters may be accessed in English as well as Spanish.

We will educate teachers, office personnel, and other school staff, in ways to build ties between parents, families and the school.

SPARK/Cowart faculty, office personnel, and other school staff will work together to plan parent programs and activities through grade level meetings, faculty meetings, and special event committee meetings to encourage parental involvement. Our **Parent Advisory Council** will assist in planning programs, projects and building support for students and their families. Parents and community volunteers are given opportunities to work with the students, share ideas and knowledge and participate in the learning process through Project Based Learning support. All parents are welcome to be a part of our school and encouraged to be involved to improve overall academic achievement either virtually or face to face.

We will coordinate parent involvement programs and activities with other federal programs that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

SPARK/Cowart will make every effort to accommodate parents in meeting requests which pertain to their child's education. Most meetings are scheduled before or after school to accommodate schedules and virtual options are available this school year. SPARK Week, Showcase, and class programs will offer options to participate.

We will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Parent meetings, Showcase, Title I Family Nights, Hispanic Heritage Night, and other school functions are communicated to parents in a variety of ways. Notices for these such programs, meetings and/or activities are sent digitally in **S'MORE**, our weekly newsletter. Written communications are sent to parents who request to be notified in addition to the digital tool. One Call is also used to inform parents of events and/or activities or important information concerning school related activities. Translations for written communications are made and sent to EL families.

We will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

SPARK/Cowart will make every effort to assist parents who make requests for other support for parental involvement. Parents are encouraged to become familiar with our CIP plan and make suggestions for Parental Involvement Activities at Field Day in the Spring.