

Title 1

School, Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Arthur Jacobsen

Elementary

2023-2024



The mission of A.J.
is to provide a
welcoming, safe,
learning community
committed to
positive relationships and
academic excellence.

Arthur Jacobsen Elementary and the Title 1 program recognize that children have successful educational experiences when families and teachers work together to assist and support the children in their academic endeavors. The following are ways that Title 1 works in partnership with the parents to promote the educational success of the students.

Communication/School Climate:

Communication is a key element in the building of the parent/school partnership. All students at AJ benefit from our school-wide Title 1 reading and math support. All students may have the opportunity to use quality math and reading materials purchased with Title 1 funds. Title 1 allows for smaller class size during Walk to Read and What I Need.

A Title 1 Student Learning Plan and Compact is sent home each fall with all students. At this time, parents are asked to commit to ways they will be able to help their children at home. Throughout the course of the year newsletters, telephone calls, email, Title 1 progress reports, Open House, and conferences are provided to ensure school/parent communication.

Parent Education:

Parenting requires continuing support to assist children's educational needs. Open House and Parent Nights are offered throughout the course of the year. Newsletters contain suggestions for assisting their children in a variety of ways. Parent conferences also allow the time for parents to receive assistance in how to support their children's learning.

Involvement in School:

Parent involvement is encouraged. The Arthur Jacobsen Elementary Title 1 program has an open-door policy. Parents are welcome to come and observe their children during Walk to Read and/or What I Need

instructional times for all grades. The reading room is open for visitation during parent conference week. Feel free to stop by and see first-hand what kinds of things your children are learning at school and how you can support this at home.

Learning at Home:

The Title 1 program encourages students to practice their skills at home with the help of their parents. Students are encouraged to participate in the Accelerated Reading and school wide reading programs. Teachers send homework that supports the reading curriculum.

Parent Input:

Parents will have an opportunity to indicate activities that they feel would be helpful to them in helping their children at home. At the end of the year, parents are surveyed to evaluate title 1 support for reading and plan for the next school year.

Extended Learning Opportunities:

All extended learning opportunities are dependent on Title 1 funding. Opportunities may include before or after school programs. This year we have been notified that funds are available for an Extended Day Math program and are currently making plans to get it up and running. Title 1 and MLL Summer School programs for students at selected grades may be offered. We hope to make summer school fairly robust this year. You will receive information on such opportunities as funds are made available.

Please feel free to stop by, email or call if you have any questions. I can be reached at 253-931-4960 or mdnelson@auburn.wednet.edu

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