



CITY ACADEMY

City Academy's Mission is to graduate responsible, informed citizens who have achieved their best academic success. We do this through distinctive teaching that is engaging, investigative and thought-provoking; close attention to each student's finest learning and personal progress; and involving students well in exploration of civic and current issues and in our city.

CITY ACADEMY PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY

City Academy regards parental engagement vital to the academic success of students. Parents are partners with the school in helping their children achieve academic success.

City Academy (CA) will

- I. Engage parents in the process of school review and development of the school improvement plan
 - CA will work with the City Academy Advisory Council (CAAC) in the development of the school improvement plan. Information, including academic data, State and Federal allocations, personnel, and instructional strategies will be presented to council representatives for review and advisement.
 - The CAAC will give input for the development and implementation of the school improvement plan.
 - The CA Board will give final approval of the school improvement plan.
- II. Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary for planning and implementing effective parent engagement to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
 - Parent newsletters emailed/mailed home weekly by the school
 - Parent information nights,
 - Parent engagement in school activities
 - Teachers & administrators easily accessible by email, phone, and in-person
 - Mid-term parent-student-teacher conferences scheduled at least twice per year; mid-term reports to students and parents each quarter
 - Website with links to teacher/class information maintained by the school
 - Assist CAAC chair with posting meeting agendas and minutes
 - Conduct annual parent survey and report results to CAAC
- III. Coordinate parental engagement strategies with other programs
 - Representatives from other programs (i.e. Extended Day Program and Special Education) will participate in parent information night and parent engagement activities
 - Representatives from other programs will meet as part of CAAC meetings at least twice per year
- IV. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the school
 - CAAC will review the Parent Engagement Policy and Parent-Student-School Compact to evaluate and provide input on how the school might improve support for parental engagement.
 - At least once each year parents will be encouraged to complete a parent engagement survey that will elicit feedback on current parent engagement activities, how well the school is serving their student's academic progress, and request input for future efforts.
 - At least once each year the school will provide a summary of the parental engagement survey with plans to address identified needs and recommendations to the CAAC.
 - At least once each year the CAAC will submit an annual parent engagement report to the Board.
- V. Engage parents in a variety of school activities
 - Work with the parent volunteer coordinator so that parents are actively recruited for participation on CAAC, PSO, and as volunteers in classrooms and for specific activities and projects of the school
 - The school will promote possibilities for parent engagement through the weekly parent newsletter, and at appropriate whole-school functions (eg. Back-to-School Night)