



VILLAGE ACADEMY SCHOOL

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A Title I Schoolwide Project

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FY 23-24 Village Academy Parent & Family Engagement Plan Policy (PFEP) Summary

The mission of Village Academy is to partner with the parents and community to create a culture in which all children will learn such that all students will graduate and be prepared for postsecondary education. The PFEP below describes the methods that will be used to provide the Village Academy school community with support and quality family engagement initiatives.

Involvement of Families & Stakeholders: Village Academy will engage our stakeholders in the planning process by holding a Parent and Family Engagement Input Meeting where parents and school community members can provide input/suggestions and feedback regarding the events that are planned for the school year. Suggestions and feedback provided by parents will be discussed and implemented for the upcoming school year. Any funds for Parent and Family engagement will be used in conjunction with Parent Trainings such as: STEM Night, FAST Night and Summer Stride Night. All parent trainings will include hands on opportunities to learn programs, strategies or skills to help parents assist their children in the learning process. Parent trainings may be redesigned to observe CDC guidelines as needed including providing some virtual opportunities to join live events.

Annual Meeting: The purpose of the Title I Annual Meeting is to educate parents and the school community regarding what it means to be a Title I school, what Title I funds are used for at Village Academy and to review the needs as presented by school data and explain how the funding provided by Title I is used to meet the academic needs of the school. Parents will be invited to the Title I Annual Meeting through a number of methods: Flier, Parent Link call-out, email, text and School Marquee. The Title 1 Annual Meeting for the 2023-2024 school year will be a face to face meeting. Parents will be able to submit surveys and feedback through links posted on the school webpage.

Accessibility: Village Academy (VA) provides families with a warm welcoming environment and has language posters that are posted in convenient locations to assist families that have translation needs. The elementary, middle and high school buildings have classrooms of the same grade clustered together, wheel chair accessible entry to the buildings and an elevator in the 3 story middle and high school building. VA has two language facilitators, one for Spanish translation and one for Creole translation that attend SAC Meetings, assist with contacting parents, parent conferences and attend most Village Academy events. Parents will also be provided opportunities to attending meetings virtually as often as possible.

Building Capacity: VA hosts several family events throughout the year such as STEM Night, AVID Family Night, Assessment Ready Night, Summer Stride Night and other events. During the events families will have the opportunity to learn/preview instructional programs such as iReady, Reading Plus and the District's Learning Tools website. Families are invited to events via flyer, Call-Out, School Website and School Marquee to all events. The



events are designed to assist parents in supporting their children's academic endeavors, to build the resources of parents and to address the goals of the school in regards to parental involvement. Village Academy has two trainings for teachers each year to provide teachers with strategies or parental involvement. The first training focuses on strategies to improve parent communications and the second focuses on strategies to improve parent's involvement in understanding their child's academic data and setting goals for performance.

Coordination and Integration:

Village Academy has numerous partnerships with community agencies such as:

- Take Stock in Children provides select VA students with SAT, ACT tutoring and partial/full scholarships to a 4 year university.
- Bound for College, which has collaborated with Village Academy to provide students tutoring, support and resources to become college ready and early admit students.
- The Achievement Centers for Delray Beach provides support in the areas of adult education, after school programs, family strengthening. The Achievement Center is a nonprofit social services agency, which provides affordable quality care to children whose parents otherwise could not maintain their job or go to school without childcare assistance. The programs are designed to meet a child's academic, social, emotional and physical needs. Achievement Centers offers toddler, preschool, after-school, teen, adult and family programs. Students receive snack and a supper program was added.
- The Literacy Coalition provides services to parents and the adult community. The program teaches adults the English they need to obtain a family-sustaining job and helps their elementary school age children improve their reading skills. The group that meets is called the Village Readers. Village Readers provides tutoring to parents and students. 80% of Parents that received tutoring demonstrated growth on their English language assessment and 75% of the students that participated demonstrated growth in reading.
- Additional partnerships include: Teen Outreach Program, Kids and Cops, KOP Mentoring Network and many more.

Communication: Village Academy will include a variety of communication strategies to involve and inform parents of academic progress, school events, assessment results and Title I programming such as: Progress Reports, Report Cards (Quarterly & Trimester), SIS (usernames & passwords provided), Call-Outs, Fliers via backpack, School Marquee, SAC meetings and other informative gatherings. The Parent liaison/ Social Services Facilitator also assists in more personalized contact with parents regarding other initiatives.

Other Activities: Village Academy has a parent resource room maintained by the Parent Liaison that can be used by parents/families through scheduling. Village has several other events throughout the school year to build a sense of community such as: Kindergarten Moving on Ceremonies, Honor Roll Breakfasts, Moving on Ceremonies, Senior Nights, AVID Nights, Meet the Teacher, Story Book Parade, Literacy Nights, Turkey Trot, Delray Reads, Club Rush Day, Portfolio Night and much more.

The purpose of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan is to communicate how Village Academy intends to enhance parental involvement and increase the resources for parents in order to empower families to support their children's academic endeavors through providing parent trainings, workshops and initiatives throughout the school year and beyond.

