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| **Harding Elementary School****Family Engagement Policy**  Harding Elementary School is committed to the belief that all children can learn and acknowledges that caregivers share the school’s commitment to the educational success of their children. We recognize that a child’s education is a mutual responsibility between the school and families. We agree that to effectively educate all students, we must work together as partners.. Our Family Engagement Policy is a collective agreement between all parties that share this common goal.  We define Family Engagement as an ongoing process that focuses on supporting caregivers and families to meet their obligation as their child’s first educator. The intention is to promote a two-way dialogue between home and school and support caregivers as leaders and decision makers in the school’s Title I Program.  Caregivers will be informed about the Title I program and their right to be involved in educational decisions regarding their child. There will be a Title I School Wide Informational Meeting held each school year.  Caregivers will be encouraged to review the current Family Engagement Policy and will be given the opportunity to offer suggestions for improvement if applicable. We consider caregivers equal partners and value their input.  Workshops, programs, and activities with an academic focus will be offered to our Harding families throughout the school year. These will be conducted with the intention of educating parents on how to work effectively with their children to support their learning in school and at home.  Parent Conferences will be held in November during daytime and evening hours to discuss student progress and share strategies to use at home to enable continued growth. Curriculum and District Assessments will be explained and clarified if requested. If a caregiver would like to schedule a separate conference during the year they may contact the school office or classroom teacher and arrangements will be made in order to accommodate all parties.  Caregivers are encouraged to monitor student progress and attendance using Infinite Campus. If you need assistance accessing this information, please contact your child’s teacher.  Family Engagement Events will be held throughout the school year.. Title I funds may be used to pay for reasonable and necessary expenses such as materials and refreshments associated with these activities. All families, regardless of barriers such as language, physical limitations., or economic hardship will be included. | \\k12\esdfiles\Teachers\Wilson\jyonkers\Desktop\Yonkers Admin\dragon logos\dragon body color H.JPG  *Harding Elementary School*  *820 Lincoln Avenue*  *Erie, Pennsylvania 16505*  *Phone (814)874-6550 Fax (814) 874-6556*  *Mrs. Kathleen Farnham, K-5 Principal*  *Mr. Jeffrey Yonkers, Assistant Principal*  ***Title I Learning Compact***  ***2024-2025***  Harding Elementary School and the parents of students participating in activities, services and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) agree that this document defines how caregivers, teachers, and students will share the responsibility for improving academic achievement and the means by which we will all work together to develop a strong partnership that will help our children meet with success.  ***As caregivers, we will:***   1. Give our children a quiet place to study and encourage homework completion. 2. Make sure our children come to school every day, on time, and ready to learn. 3. Attend Family Engagement activities offered at school. 4. Maintain communication with teachers and administrators.   ***As teachers, we will:***   1. Teach the necessary standards and skills to your children. 2. Communicate with caregivers regarding student progress on a regular basis and in a variety of ways. 3. Teach and model acceptance of responsibility for the positive and negative outcomes of personal behavior. 4. Provide differentiated instruction when   appropriate to support student success.  ***As students, we will:***   1. Follow the Harding Code of Conduct: Be Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Focused. 2. Pay attention in class and ask for help when needed. 3. Complete all assignments to the best of our abilities. |

***Additional Information***

*\*Improving reading and math achievement is a top priority at Harding School. Please encourage your child to do their best so we can achieve this goal as a team!*

*\*We continue to utilize CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) and Ready Math as our core curriculums.*

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*\*Please be sure to notify the office of any address and /or phone number changes.*

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*\*Are you looking for easy ways to keep up with all the latest events at Harding? “LIKE” us on Facebook and check our school website. Also, look for our calendar of events that is sent home with your child each month.*

* Harding School staff will provide, if requested, opportunities for flexible meetings in order to offer suggestions and participate in decisions relating to the education of students. These suggestions will be addressed in a timely manner.
* The Family Engagement Policy includes a caregiver/student/teacher compact and supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of the Family Engagement Program.
* Communication with caregivers may include the following: written notes from the classroom teacher, phone calls, e-mail, conferences, and meetings (in person or virtual).
* Caregivers will have the opportunity to assist in teacher trainings on how to reach out to and communicate with families as equal partners, implement and coordinate family programs, and build ties between caregivers and family members of the school.
* A Family Resource Center with materials is available and is located in the school office. Families will have access to this during school hours. If families are in need of additional resources or assistance with other community services, they can contact our Community School Director at spotter@eriesd.org.
* Information will be provided in different languages if requested.

\*If you have any questions or concerns please contact our School-Wide Support teacher: llunger@eriesd.org.