

# ARCADO ELEMENTARY

## THE PLAN... THE PROMISE...

2024-2025



*Vision: Arcado Elementary will Create a Positive and Inclusive Environment for All.*

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<https://www.gcpsk12.org/ArcadoES>

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### WHAT IS A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN?

It is a plan that describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The school will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all family members.

### WHAT IS A SCHOOL-FAMILY PROMISE?

It is a written agreement that outlines how the school, the students, and the family will work together to ensure your child's academic success. An effective School-Family Promise contains the following elements:

- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Jointly developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our Planning Meeting
- Reviewed and revised throughout the year via Parent Square, website, Parent Teacher conferences, newsletters, PTA meetings, and Building Parent Capacity events.

### LET'S TALK

Methods for regular two-way teacher-family communication:

- Email, text website, phone calls
- Zoom meetings
- Family Engagement/Parent Nights/Workshops
- Weekly folders
- Parent Portal
- Parent Square

*If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact: [Lynn Aristizabal, Parent Outreach Liaison,](mailto:Lynn.Aristizabal@gcpsk12.org) [lynn.aristizabal@gcpsk12.org](mailto:lynn.aristizabal@gcpsk12.org).*

### ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

- Open House
- Curriculum Night
- Conferences: October 23-24, March 5-6
- H.E.R.O.E. Night
- International Night
- Parent Workshops
- WatchDOGS
- Kindergarten Entry Transition Meeting
- Content Area Nights
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- Title I Planning Meeting



## WHERE IS THE PLAN AVAILABLE?

The Family and Community Engagement Plan and all other Title I information are available on our school's website at <https://www.gcpsk12.org/ArcadoES> under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Family Engagement Center.

## HOW IS THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND REVISED?

It is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Planning Meeting in the spring. All feedback forms from the Planning Meeting are submitted to the Office of Federal Programs for review. Families who are not able to attend the Planning Meeting have the opportunity to review draft documents and provide input during the draft document review period.

## COMMUNICATION

Written communication is available to all parents in both English and Spanish with additional languages available upon request. In addition, interpreters are available in multiple languages for parent-teacher conferences, family engagement center workshops, and individual parent meetings.

Arcado's policy for scheduling meetings at a parent's request is to respond within 24 hours. Parents should contact the school for assistance at (770) 925-2100.

## ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

- ❖ **Title I Program Information:** Program information is available during the Title I Planning Meeting in the spring and Annual Parent Meetings in the fall, on the school website, and in the Parent Center.
- ❖ **Curriculum Information:** Knowing what your child is learning at school is important. We will keep you informed throughout the year about what your child is learning during parent meetings, conferences, eCLASS, and on our school website.
- ❖ **Student Progress Monitoring:** The Parent Portal is an online resource that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessment, and your child's results, course history, and much more. Monitoring your child's progress in school is an important way to be engaged.
- ❖ **Parent Resources:** We have many resources available for checkout to use at home with your child. We also host several parent workshops to empower you as you work with your child at home.
- ❖ **Staff Training:** We will train our staff to effectively communicate with you. Your input on how we train our staff is valuable.
- ❖ **Communication:** We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information with you in a language and format you understand. Whenever possible, we will provide interpreters during parent workshops, and academic events. Translation is available for most documents.
- ❖ **Transition Support:** Entering a new school can be scary for both students and families. We will host events to make sure both you and your child are aware of what is expected and how you can prepare as your child transitions to a new school level, college, and career.

- ✓ Title I is a federal program designed to support school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students.
- ✓ Title I programs are based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.
- ✓ The Title I Office reserves at least one percent of the district's allocation to fund family and community engagement programs. The use of these funds is based on suggestions gathered at our spring Planning Meetings from families and community members. Funds are distributed equally to all our Title I schools.
- ✓ Childcare and/or transportation may be provided for meetings and school events.

“Mission: The mission of Arcado Elementary School is to cultivate academic success in an inclusive environment that prioritizes the whole child and prepares students for lifelong leadership”

## DID YOU KNOW?

## OUR DISTRICT GOALS

**Empathy:** Cultural competence, staff and student wellbeing, educator diversity.

**Equity:** Multi-tiered system of supports, opportunity and access, equitable resource allocation.

**Effectiveness:** Results-Based evaluation system, talent management, educational return on investment.

**Excellence:** Preferred education destination, post-secondary and workforce readiness, world-class communication, and engagement.

## OUR SCHOOL GOALS

We will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

Arcado Elementary will work to focus on the 4 strategic priorities that create a sense of belonging for all students. Arcado Elementary’s blueprint will focus on effective instructional strategies. We will be connected and responsive to students by providing intentional, differentiated instruction. Each and every student will have equitable access and opportunities to reach their full potential by participating in a variety of programs. Arcado will use a multi-tiered system of supports to meet the needs of our diverse population. Supportive community will drive our work to engage all stakeholders.

Arcado teachers will target foundational early reading skills and comprehension task to develop strong readers. We will use the Quality Plus Mathematical Practices and Rich Mathematical tasks to develop expertise in mathematical thinking. Students

will work in small groups and collaboratively to solve real world problems.

## WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS



### Arcado Elementary will...

- provide strategies that families and students can use to improve student achievement in math and reading
- provide resources and website links for families and students to practice activities
- create ongoing opportunities for two-way communication with families and students to strengthen achievement

Principal’s Signature

Date



### As Students, we will...

- read each night to ourselves or with a buddy
- learn math facts to support problem-solving. Use resources from my teacher and websites to help me
- bring home newsletters, flyers, and weekly folders



### As Families, we will...

- attend workshops to assist my child
- use resources and websites provided to assist my child at home
- attend conferences and communicate any questions or concerns as needed

## VISIT OUR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Our Family Engagement Center has learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to checkout and use at home. Our Parent Outreach Liaison or Parent Instructional Coordinator are *Hope Boyd/PIC*, and *Lynn Aristizabal/POL*. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home. Our Family Engagement Center is located in a trailer with the Parent Center sign. Hours of Operation: 9:00AM-2:00PM

Please contact *Hope Boyd* or *Lynn Aristizabal* for additional information about our Family Engagement Center and resources available for check-out.

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WatchDOGS and PTA are two amazing volunteer opportunities!  
Please contact Hope Boyd!