

Appendix 1  
Parent Engagement  
Strategy Suggestions

**Type of Engagement**

**Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) believes parent engagement enhances student achievement and success.**

**Supporting Parent Engagement in the Home**

This level of engagement helps parents support their child's learning in the home environment. Research has clearly demonstrated the relationship between parental support and student achievement and success.

Strategy Suggestions:

- Consistent approach to communication between home and school (e.g. consistent use of e-teacher pages)
- Consistent use of PowerSchool (particularly Gradebook)
- Parent workshops/ webinars
- Parent support for new curriculum implementation
- Easy to access web information and resources
- Direct communication between teachers and parents
- Positive phone calls home
- Create a "How to get help" flowchart

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**Supporting Parent Engagement at the School Level**

Strategy Suggestions:

- A beginning of the year sign-up sheet that offers ways to be involved in the school (volunteers, career talks, field trips)
- Continue to invite parent volunteers throughout the year as the need arises

- Parent friendly webpage (gather feedback on design)
- Capitalize on School Council (involvement in School Education Plan, School Council Support Plan, reviewing student agendas, school-based survey questions)
- Create a School Council Plan that aligns with the School's Education Plan
- Creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere
- Hold a beginning of the year social event for parents and students
- Create opportunities to engage parents during parent/teacher conferences (e.g. A.L. Horton Collaborative Village)
- Use Facebook/ Twitter to communicate with parents
- Use synervoice to communicate
- Offer childcare during School Council Meetings
- Hold "Hot Topic" evenings (e.g. more information on how budgets work)

**Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) believes that parent engagement at the division level contributes to division success and continuous improvement.**

#### **Supporting Parent Engagement at the Division Level**

##### **Strategy suggestions:**

- Capitalizing on the Committee of School Councils (providing information prior to meetings; providing adequate time for discussion and reflection; creating more informal opportunities to meet with trustees; reporting back and describing how feedback was used and/or why it was not used)
- Providing opportunities for parent representatives to participate on division-level committees (e.g. Student Conference)
- Create a parent blog or online discussion board.
- Offer child care during Committee of School Council Meeting