



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Ka'ala Elementary School
Family and Community Engagement/Partnership Policy

Family involvement in children's learning is essential in achieving a quality education. With parent/family and school working together as partners, children's academic achievement and positive attitudes about self and school will increase. The goal of Ka'ala's staff is to encourage all parents, guardians, families, and community members to partner with them and feel that their voices are welcomed and valued in all aspects of our school.

Ka'ala will use the following six standards in accomplishing its engagement and partnership goal/policy:

Welcoming all families into the school community---Families are active participants in the life of the school and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class.

Communicating effectively---Families and school staff engage in regular two-way, meaningful communication about student learning.

Supporting student success---Families and school staff continuously partner to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively.

Speaking up for every child---Families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success.

Sharing power---Families and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs.

Engaging/partnering with community---Families and school staff engage/partner with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation.

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