

Parent/Family Engagement Plan

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by staff members and parents. It reflects the goals of our Title I Project Plan and the beliefs of our staff, parents, and community members.

Mission Statement

P.K. Yonge's mission is to design, test, and disseminate innovations in K-12 education through serving a diverse student community.

Vision Statement

P.K. Yonge's vision is to be an internationally-recognized leader in developing and disseminating tested educational practices that equip all students to succeed in the global economy.

P.K. Yonge students are positioned to be creative, dedicated, and resilient learners who embrace the power of diverse ideas, talents, and cultures to improve our world.

P.K. Yonge faculty members are creative, dedicated, collaborative practitioner scholars who design, test, and disseminate innovations that support the academic, social, emotional, and behavioral success of every student.

P.K. Yonge staff members are resourceful, dedicated, and invested in supporting the efforts of all members of the P.K. Yonge community.

P.K. Yonge partners support the achievement of our mission and vision.

Parent Information and Resource Center

Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) were established by the United States Department of Education in 1995 to provide parents/guardians, schools, and organizations with training information and technical assistance to understand how children develop and what they need to succeed in school.

Florida provides a number of resources for online family access.

1. Family Involvement Links

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/family-involvement-links.stml>

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P. K. Yonge Parent (Guardian) Teacher Organization (PKYPTO)

PKYPTO is a partnership of parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and other community members dedicated to helping students and fostering planned change by facilitating productive communications, volunteering time, and raising funds for student enrichment.

Activities Sponsored by PKYPTO

- Faculty & Staff Annual Appreciation Events
- Campus Clean-up
- Canned Food Drives
- Color Run Fundraiser
- Funds for School Projects
- Heart to Heart – Support for Families in Need
- Summer Math & Literacy Summer Program snacks
- Senior Presentations
- Teacher Appreciation
- Grants to Support Faculty Professional Learning

Who Can Join and How?

- Parents/Guardians/Adult Family Members
- Teachers
- Staff
- Community Members

Information about the PKYPTO can be found:

<http://pkyonge.ufl.edu/about/parent-teacher-organization/>

Parent/Teacher Conference

Conferences are one of the most important ways parents/guardians and teachers can work together as a team. Conferences are a helpful way for parents/guardians to share information about their child's special interests. It is also a good time for discussing the child's academic progress and for ideas on how parents/guardians can best help their child at home. Student conferences are scheduled each fall with all K-5 families, and as needed with K-12 families. An interpreter is available upon request.

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School Communication

*Be on the lookout for communications and opportunities from many sources to serve your student and keep you engaged throughout the year.

- Annual Report/Newsletter
- Email/Phone Notification System - Skylert
- Facebook - [@PKYongeBlueWave](#)
- School/District Website - <http://pkyonge.ufl.edu>
- Skyward Student Information System
- Parent/Guardian Newsletters
- Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences
- Parent/Guardian/Teacher E-Mail
- Progress Reports/Report Cards
- Student Planners
- SeeSaw Access (younger grades)
- Family Canvas Access (student growth/grades)
- Family Information Webinars
- Back to School Gatherings for Families, New & Returning students
- Website-posted Announcements for Families and Students

Parents/Guardians may request information regarding the professional qualifications of teachers and staff who work with their child.

Visit the Staff/Faculty page under the Contact tab on our website for more information about P.K. Yonge faculty and staff: <http://pkyonge.ufl.edu/about/faculty-and-staff/>