

Academic Parent Night

Gallup McKinley County Schools Academic Parent Nights

Goal: To strengthen academic partnerships between families and the classroom by utilizing positive interactions with every student and their family at least once outside of school and regularly scheduled parent/teacher conferences.

What does this mean? All families will attend at least one night throughout the year so that the relationship between the classroom and home can be built and utilized throughout the school year.

Why? When families are involved in their education students do better.

Requirements- General Information

These requirements were based off family, teacher, and principal feedback on APTT as well as potential guidance for these evenings. These requirements were selected to keep some of the positives from APTT meetings, especially the data portion, while giving increased flexibility to families and schools in their meetings.

These requirements leave a great deal of flexibility for the schools to meet the needs of their families.

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- Content-based theme (Reading, Writing, Stem, Social Studies, Art, etc.)
 - Unlike with APTT teachers don't have to cover ELA and math in each of the meetings. Schools can pick a focus for each of the meetings.
- Reinforcement of a grade-level skill or strategy
 - Families can work on a strategy which will give teachers more options for what to cover. This will be especially helpful in the upper grades.
- Home support element (school provided) – ex. “make and take”
 - As with APTT parents will get an activity of some sort to take home so they can practice the skill or strategy with their student.
- 90-minute block of time, but parents can circulate multiple classrooms (parents don't have to be at the school at a definite time)
 - Meetings will take place in the evening and schools are able to select the date of their meeting.
 - One area that families often had difficulties with was having students in multiple grades and wanting to see all of the teachers. With the APTT model moving between meetings was discouraged, by having a block of time we are hoping that families will be able to visit all of the classrooms that they need to.
 - Also, with not having a structured meeting, families do not have to arrive right at the start of the event and stay to the end. This will give added flexibility to families who may not be able to attend for the whole time.
- Showcase student work
- Element of specific individual and classroom growth trend data displayed as bar graph (math and reading data)

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- Families liked the incorporation of data in APTT meetings, and it helps show student growth throughout the year. It also give families an idea of how their student compares to their peers.
- Every certified teacher/staff member is involved, including certified counselor.
 - PreSchool and Pre K teachers are also included in this new format
 - Classified staff attendance is a school site decision. If they attend remember that their time needs to be flexed that week and that supervision is needed for students on Thursday and Friday mornings.
- Childcare will be provided as option for families
 - Families may take their students with them to the meetings if they would like.
- Food available in cafeteria or “Grab and Go”
 - Schools can decide if they would like to do a sit-down meal, grab and go, or a combination. This will support schools who have small cafeterias and give families more flexibility if they don’t want to stay throughout the whole meal.
 - It does not have to be a full meea
- 1 time per quarter
 - One more meeting than APTT, but schools will have more flexibility with what days their meetings happen since.
- Budget
 - Funding Code: 11000.2200.56118.0000.043XXX.0000
 - \$12,000 (Approximately \$3,000 per meeting)- Chee Dodge, Indian Hills, Ramah, David Skeet, Tohatchi, Twin Lakes
 - \$20,000 (Approximately \$5,000 per meeting)- Cathrine A Miller, Crownpoint, Lincoln, Navajo, Stagecoach
 - \$24,000 (Approximately \$6,000 per meeting)- Jefferson, Turpen, Thoreau, Del Norte
 - This is a 56118 code so schools have some flexibility in how they are spending this money. You are able to purchase food, supplies, and incentives. The budget is supposed to last all four meetings though, so please keep that in mind as you are ordering items.