

Parent Engagement Activities during Covid-19

Elkhart Elementary School, an IB World School

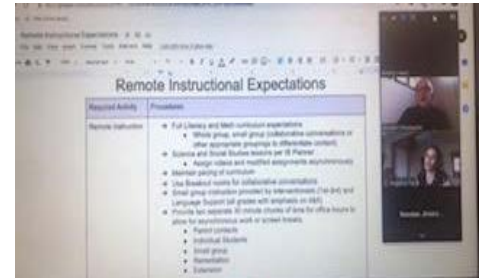
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Since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, Elkhart Elementary School's parent engagement activities have experienced frequent modifications under the COVID-19 Safety and Health regulations. Elkhart staff remained flexible and adapted as modifications arose and students/families' needs changed.

Elkhart Elementary started with Google/Zoom Video meetings as the main way of connecting with parents about expectations for remote instruction as well as how best to support students' success in the challenging remote learning environment.



Then, Elkhart's Principal and school staff began a series of parent engagement activities to assist Elkhart parents' on how to support their children academically in reading, writing, and math under the special circumstances of the 2020-2021 school year.

In addition, parents with students in Remote Cohorts A and B started to share unanimous concern: their children were exhibiting mood changes and increased anxiety at home. As a response, Elkhart Elementary School teachers and staff created parent engagement activities focused on students' health and wellness. Academic activities included sensorial supplies such as modeling playdough and manipulatives.



All of the above-mentioned activities, as well as other events developed and implemented during the year, helped students and families to challenges in the different learning settings for the 2020-2021 school year.



Essential Element 3—Design Capacity-Building Opportunities
Standard 3—Supporting Student Success