



Norma Dorsey Elementary Parent Involvement Policy 2019-2020

Dorsey Elementary School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the child spends in school. To support the goal that all children succeed academically and in life, the school and parents must work together as partners.

An annual meeting has been scheduled to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, to explain the Title I requirements and the right of parents to be involved. The school has invited all parents and will encourage them to attend.

The Annual Title I Meetings at Dorsey Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year have been scheduled during the first six weeks of school and parents will be notified using the school messenger, the monthly calendar, agendas, and the marquee. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- August 29, 2019 @ 6 pm
- September 5, 2019 @ 6pm

Parents will be involved in the planning, review and improvement of Dorsey parental involvement policy in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner.

Every effort has been made to invite all Dorsey parents to the meetings listed below and to encourage them to give us input in the development of the parental involvement policy.

- CIT (Campus Improvement Team)
- PTA meetings
- Teacher-Parent conferences
- Campus VIP Information Nights
- Family

PTA: Parents are encouraged to become involved in the PTA and are actively recruited to serve on the Board. PTA is responsible for completing and updating the wall calendar in the foyer every month. PTA Meetings and events are scheduled for all months except January.

In order to build and support a strong partnership among the school, parents, and community, and to improve student achievement, Dorsey Elementary School will do the following:

Dorsey Elementary School will help parents better understand state and district standards, assessments and how to monitor their child's progress in the following ways:

- The annual Title I meetings
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Progress reports
- Report Cards
- On-line grade book
- Each 3rd – 5th grade parent will receive a report about their child's performance on the State assessments
- MAP Growth reports

Materials and training will be provided to parents to help students become more successful through:

- Family Game Night
- AVID Nights
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Math/Science/Reading Nights
- Kindergarten Round-up

Dorsey Elementary will offer various modes of communication between school and home:

- Grade levels send home weekly/monthly Parent newsletters to keep parents informed.
- Weekly messages are sent out through email and school messenger every Sunday to inform and involve parents.

Reasonable support for parental involvement activities will be provided.

- Funds set aside for parental involvement will be spent on the agreed upon activities
- Materials and refreshments will be provided when possible

Dorsey Elementary School will host the following involvement programs:

- Healthy Heart Walk / Turkey Trot
- Muffins with Mom
- Donuts with Dad
- Christmas Angels
- Porch Party
- Field Day
- Read Across America
- Career Day
- PTA
- Grandparents Day
- Field Day

Parent Volunteers will be trained to assist in various capacities around the school:

- Library
- Clinic
- Resource Room
- Classrooms
- Cafeteria
- Hall monitors
- Traffic monitors

All volunteers over the age of 18 must have a volunteer application on file through the district website. All volunteers must sign in and are given a nametag.

Dorsey Elementary School is committed to the success of students.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement:

As a part of the Dorsey Parent Involvement Policy, a School-Parent Compact will be developed jointly with parents. This Compact will outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will work together for improved student achievement. The Parent-School Learning Compact is updated and distributed every Fall.

Share your feedback and comments:

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Parent-School Learning Compact, Grades K-5th Garland Independent School District

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Parent Responsibilities

- Make sure my child attends school on time and ready to learn.
- Provide necessary supplies to help my child be prepared for school and able to complete assignment.
- Use Skyward Family Access to know my child's progress.
- Support PTA, attend Fall/Spring parent conferences, and parent education workshops.
- Inform teacher when my child is having difficulties.
- Be involved and volunteer at my child's school.
- Create a home environment that is safe and provides adequate nutrition, hygiene and sleep.
- Encourage reading and education software for 20 to 30 minutes daily (Education Galaxy, Istation).
- Sign daily/weekly agenda
- Provide current phone numbers and email addresses.

Student Responsibilities

- Come to school on time and ready to learn every day.
- Help create a safe environment by following school rules.
- Respect yourself, classmates, adults and your school.
- Come to school prepared with supplies, books, and homework.
- Attend tutoring when I have difficulty with assignments.
- Follow the dress code policy.

School/Teacher Responsibilities

- Create a learning environment where students feel safe, respected, and nurtured.
- Provide a high quality curriculum and research based instruction to equip students to be successful.
- Provide parent/guardian and child with "what" should be learned at their grade level.
- Communicate with parent/guardian regularly on ways to help their child learn.
- Expect and challenge all students to learn at rigorous, high levels of thinking, and to make connections with learning to real world applications.
- Seek resources and provide assistance for a child who is struggling with learning or having difficulty in school.
- Provide tutoring opportunities for students in need.