

Sugarcreek Elementary Parent Involvement Policy 2017-2018

Statement of Purpose

The primary mission at Sugarcreek Elementary School is to ensure each child's learning opportunities and encourage them to meet their full learning potential. Developing intrinsic motivation and the desire to become a life-long learner is a main goal of the staff here at Sugarcreek Elementary School. Mastery of basic skills in the different subject areas is another important goal in our building.

The administration and staff believe that all children can achieve academic success if given appropriate instruction and sufficient time to succeed. Parent support is also critical to each child's success because parents play an extremely important role as their child's first teacher. We believe that when families and schools work together children can be successful in school and all through their lives. Our support, together, can put them on the path to be successful and independent citizens in their communities.

Types of Parental Involvement

Open House Visitation – During visitation families have the opportunity to meet the staff and experience the school in a positive situation.

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Our school holds regular parent meetings and conferences periodically throughout the school year. These meetings include the student's parents and the instructional support team which consists of the school principal, school psychologist, classroom teacher, reading specialist, speech teacher and guidance counselor. During these meetings parents are given a summary of the student's test scores and an explanation of the interventions the staff is using to help each child in reaching achievement goals. Parents are encouraged to ask questions and are given strategies they can use at home to help their child be successful. These meetings are held at the request of the parent or staff involved with the child.

Volunteers – Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom for special school events such as Book Fairs, Classroom Parties, and Field Trips. They are also utilized on Accelerated Reader Reward trips to Barnes and Noble, and Bruin Bowling Lanes. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer at our annual Boys Night and Girls Night.

Kid Writing Nights – Parents are encouraged to attend three kindergarten Kid Writing nights where the classroom teacher, kindergarten aide and the reading specialist share how Kid Writing is used to teach reading and writing.

Edline/Tyler System – Classroom teachers post weekly announcements that include information on skills students will learn, the homework assignments that are due, and other special classroom/school activities. Parents are encouraged to review this information and assist their children to establish regular homework routines and reading time.

School-Parent Compacts – The responsibilities of the school, parent, and child in increasing student learning and achievement are identified in the School-Parent Compacts. The compacts are reviewed and signed annually by each classroom teacher, reading specialist, and classroom aide. The compacts are then sent home for parents and children to review and sign. The signed contract is returned to the school. The returned compacts are then filed in the Title I room in each student's folder. Parents are invited to review the compact and make suggestions for revisions.

Title I Communication

- Welcome Letter is sent home to each child at the beginning of the school year
- Introductory Letter and pamphlets from the National Institute of Literacy are sent home in the kindergarten registration packet
- Introductory Letter and pamphlets from the National Institute of Literacy are sent to local preschools and Head Start Classrooms
- Parent, Student, and School Compacts are signed and returned by each parent, student, and staff member
- Monthly Newsletter Entries
- Progress Reports
- Report Cards
- Title I Testing Result Reports
- Parent Conferences
- MTSS Meetings
- Open House Visitation
- Kindergarten Kid Writing Nights
- Family Game Nights
- American Girl Doll Tea Party
- Boys Lego Night

Conclusion

Sugarcreek Elementary School is committed to the success of all of our students. We do work together with families to monitor the effectiveness of the Title I Program and to provide excellent learning opportunities. This policy will be promoted by administrators, principals, and the rest of our school staff as we continue to seek active participation of all our families throughout our school.