



# Parental Involvement Policy

## **Statement of Purpose**

The Galveston Independent School District is dedicated to providing a quality education for every student in our district. To accomplish this objective, we will develop and maintain partnerships with parents and community members. Each student will benefit from supportive, active involvement of all members of the population. A positive link between home and school will create the most conducive learning condition for every child. These open communication lines will expand and enhance learning opportunities for everyone involved.

Grade level learning objectives and goals will be distributed to all parents at the beginning of the school year. All students will be expected to work toward mastering these objectives. Our district recognizes the fact that some students will need extra assistance to achieve their full potential. The extra assistance is available to all students through the Title I program and various other educational services offered through the district.

Galveston ISD intends to include parents in all aspects of the Title I program. Students will be given every opportunity for success through the development and enhancement of the home/school partnership.

## **Parent Involvement in Developing the Policy**

Parents, members of the community, and school staff will meet to discuss the design and implementation of the Parental Involvement Policy.

Galveston ISD will actively recruit participation through various avenues of publicity and various committees including campus site teams, district council and the City-wide PTO committee. Participation will hopefully include a diverse parent population.

Meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for all concerned parties.

## **Meetings for Title I Parents**

The district and each individual campus will hold a meeting for parents during the school year. Parents will be informed of new Title I guidelines and variations from the previous year's program. Copies of the district's current Parental Involvement Policy will be available. Parents will be encouraged to become involved in the revising and updating the policy as necessary. Volunteers will be recruited for the district-wide and campus advisory committees.

Each meeting will be held at a convenient time and location. Language translation will be available. If needed, the district and campus will provide childcare and transportation to ensure parent participation and attendance. Written notices and media attention will be directed to attract as many parents as possible.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

In accordance with Title I regulations, each school must develop a parent-student compact with the parents of students participating in the program. This compact will enable the school and parents to share responsibility for student performance and success.

The compact must explain how students, parents, and staff will share responsibility for student performance and success.

All parents will be given a copy of the compact detailing the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have in helping students accomplish their goals. Student's responsibilities will vary by grade level.

Parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their child.

## **Types of Parent Involvement**

Each school will support many varied ways of parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs at school as well as create a supportive home atmosphere. The community may participate through an array of activities that promote student success.

Each school and family will develop and maintain parental involvement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of everyone involved.

## **Matching Programs to the Needs of our Community**

The community will be invited to participate in the design, development and implementation of the Title I program. Assessing the needs of parents and children in the community will be done through a variety of measures (i.e. questionnaires, suggestions, surveys, etc.).

## **Staff and Parent Communication**

Parents will be welcomed through various avenues of communication throughout the school year.

Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication.

All staff members will be trained in positive communication activities as well as effective ways to work with parents and community members.

## **Evaluation**

Parents will be questioned about the effectiveness of the program and offer suggestions for improvement. The evaluation procedure will include assessment of successes in the Parent Involvement Policy as well as recommendations for improvement in emergent areas.