



Visalia Unified School District

Parent Partnership Statement

Board Adopted on July 8, 2008

We believe a positive partnership between parents and school staff is essential to a student's success in school.

This positive partnership is founded on a shared commitment of mutual support, caring and accountability for our students:

- ❖ Parents love their children and believe that school staffs want all students to feel significant, a sense of belonging and connectedness to school.
- ❖ Parents believe Visalia schools are common ground: respectful of all cultures and languages.
- ❖ Parents believe all students should respect school staff and property because school is their second home.
- ❖ Parents support school rules: school is a safe place.
- ❖ Parents believe every hour counts: student attendance is essential for success in school.
- ❖ Parents believe that students must respect the learning environment and school rules for use of personal technology, such as cell phones, laptops, digital music, etc.
- ❖ Parent participation at school demonstrates to children that school is important:
 - Regular contact with teachers: phone, email, appointments
 - Parent organizations: PTA/PTO, English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), School Site Council (SSC), GATE
 - Scheduled events: Back-to-School Night, Parent Conferences, Open House
 - Volunteer
- ❖ Parents support the school by providing continuous up-to-date and accurate information: address, phone numbers, and personal contacts.
- ❖ Parents, teachers and students are always learning: continuing parent education models the importance of school.

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