

Desert Sky Middle School

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School-Parental Involvement Policy

Part I: General Expectations

Desert Sky Middle School agrees to implement the following requirements:

- The school will jointly develop and distribute to parents of participating children, a School Parental Involvement Policy that the school and parents of participating children agree on.
- The school will notify parents about the School Parental Involvement Policy and it will be available to the local community.
- The school will periodically update the School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school
- The school will adopt the school's school-parent compact as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy.
- The school agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two- way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-

- *that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- *that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education;*
- *that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*
- *the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*

Part II: Description of How the School Will Implement Required School-Parental

Involvement Policy Components

Desert Sky Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and joint agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy and its school wide plan, if applicable, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way under section 1118(b) of the ESEA:

1. Desert Sky Middle School will provide the following to parents for review through newsletters, informational meetings, student handbook, committees, school website and Campus Improvement Team:
 - District Parental Involvement Policy;
 - School Parental Involvement Policy;

- School-Parent Compact;
 - Parent Notices as they apply to the Title I, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance.
2. *Desert Sky Middle School* will convene an annual meeting during the first quarter of the school year at a convenient time to inform parents of the following:
 - That their child's school participates in Title I,
 - About the requirements of Title I,
 - Of their rights to be involved,
 3. *Desert Sky Middle School* will provide information about Title I programs to parents of participating children in a timely manner.
 4. *Desert Sky Middle School* will provide parents of participating children a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, the proficiency levels students are expected to meet, and an opportunity for parents of participating children to provide suggestions.
 5. *Desert Sky Middle School* will, in cooperation with DVUSD, respond to any parent comments if the school-wide plan is not satisfactory to parents of participating students.

Part III: Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

1. *Desert Sky Middle School* will build strong parental and community involvement to improve student academic achievement.
2. *Desert Sky Middle School* will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as:
 - The State's academic content standards;
 - The State's student academic achievement standards;
 - The State and Local Academic Assessments including alternate assessments;
 - The requirement of Title I;
 - How to monitor their child's progress, and
 - How to work with educators.
3. *Desert Sky Middle School* will ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parent of participating children.