

Parental Involvement Policy for Kingston Campus

Kingston School recognizes the importance of establishing a strong parent/school coalition to create the best possible learning environment for our children. We have developed a written policy to aid in promoting a solid partnership involving parents and the school.

Our written policy is available: in the parent center, on the school website, and is in the parent kit which is sent home with each k- 12 student during the first week of school.

Our policy include the following components: Involving parents in writing and updating the parent involvement policy. Kingston is a school wide Title I school. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend open house and public meetings where the Title I program is explained.

Parents are invited to attend all parent teacher conferences. If parents are unable to come to school they may stay in touch by sending e-mails to teachers, phone calls, and Edline. The numbers and addresses are available on the school website and in the parent kits. The faculty/staff also makes time available for parents to come before/after school and during planning periods. Parents with Title I funds can be compensated for reasonable expenses associated with parent involvement activities, such as: transportation, childcare or home visit expenses.

During parent/school visits, parents are educated on interpreting national, state, and local testing assessments and grading procedures. IRIs and AIPs are discussed and signed. Student expectations for the year are explained, and changes in the student handbook are made available. Parents are asked for input in all areas. In the parent kits sent home the first week of school, parents have access to:

- **Yearly school calendar**
- **A parent volunteer survey**
- **Parent center information**
- **Parent tips**
- **Other school information**
- **Parent involvement plan**
- **Parent/teacher/student school compact**

All parents are asked to respond to the parent kit information.

Services are available for parents through:

- **Hippi Program**
- **Headstart**
- **ABC program**
- **Speech pathology services for preschool children**

- **STAR reader pamphlets passed out with information regarding ideas for helping parents give preschool – 2nd graders a reading head start.**
- **Making school personnel available to help parents learn to use Edline technology.**
- **A monthly school calendar is sent home at the beginning of a new month.**
- **School Messenger**

Other opportunities for building ties between parents and school are:

- **Having parents and school work together on ACSIP committee, and student handbook committees, and timely assessments of all these policies.**
- **Training is given to faculty each year on ways to encourage parents to become and remain involved in the student education process.**

We feel that a strong bond between the parents and the school is the key component to student achievement.

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