

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Eldorado Middle School

Basic Elements of the Campus Parental Involvement Policy:

1. Statement of Purpose
2. Developing the Policy
3. Involve Parents in the School wide Plan
4. Building Capacity
5. Annual Meeting
6. School-Parent Compacts
7. Evaluation

Purpose

Eldorado Middle School believes every child should have the opportunity to attain his/her full potential. Therefore, Eldorado Middle School will maximize its resources to enable each child to become a successful learner. A key resource is its people: administrators, teachers, school staff, parents, and community members. We will work together to establish effective partnerships; together everyone achieves more. School and home must work together to realize higher student achievement. Ongoing, two-way, meaningful communication will occur to facilitate mutual understanding and to stimulate student success.

Eldorado Middle School will provide to all parents the grade level goals for its students. Those students that need extra assistance will have access to programs that will help them reach these goals.

Eldorado Middle School will make every effort to include parents in the development, evaluation, and revision of the Title I program and the Parent Involvement Policy. The school-parent compact will describe the responsibilities of key stakeholders and useful channels of communication. The goal of our parental involvement program is student success.

Developing the Policy and Involving Parents in the School wide Plan

The Eldorado Middle School CAT will revisit and revise the Eldorado Middle School Parent Involvement Policy annually with the input of all members, including parents.

Additionally, Eldorado Middle School understands that the parental involvement policy is a part of the larger district and campus improvement plans. The CAT will also provide input regarding the development and revision of the campus improvement plan.

Building Capacity

Eldorado Middle School values the partnership of the parents in their children's education. There are many ways parents can make significant contributions to student success both at home and by volunteering at the school. Student achievement is the result of effective home-school-community partnerships. Background checks are required for all parents wanting to volunteer prior to scheduling.

Annual Meeting

Eldorado Middle School will hold an annual meeting with all parents. At that meeting the Title I program will be described, the Parental Involvement Policy will be distributed and reviewed, and opportunities for parental participation will be explained. Parent volunteers will be recruited to serve on the CAT.

Since the goal of Eldorado Middle School is student success, the expectations for school performance, individual student assessments, and grade level curriculum will be provided in a format parents can understand.

Parents will be advised that the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Program will be evaluated annually and the policy will be revised to meet the needs of the students, school, parents, and community.

Parent School Compacts

The Eldorado Middle School CAT will meet annually to review and revise the Parent-School Compact. The compact will:

- identify the responsibilities of the staff to provide high-level curriculum and instruction, and the expectations of the parents to provide support in their children's learning
- will address the best ways to maintain positive, timely communication between school and home
- will be available to all parents and families in the student handbook, on the school website and it will be discussed at parent-teacher conferences in the elementary school

Evaluation

Eldorado Middle School CAT will evaluate the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Program. Surveys, classroom observation, assessment data, and other resources will be used to determine the needs and develop revised strategies for student success. Parental input will be sought. Revisions to the Title I Program and the Parental Involvement Policy will be developed and agreed upon with parent input and will be communicated to the parents in the district.

Concluding Statement

Eldorado Middle School is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents to monitor the effectiveness of our Parental Involvement and Title I Programs and to provide excellence in education. This policy will be promoted by the school board, administrators, principals, and other school staff as we seek active participation by our parents.