

Parent Involvement Policy

Franz Elementary 2009 - 2010

Purpose

The staff of Franz Elementary, with the support of district, state and federal programs, seek to involve parents in an effective home-school partnership in order to provide the best education for our students. These parent involvement activities are integrated into the school for academic accountability. Elements of this policy include:

- * Regular communication with parents
- * Parent Meetings
- * Parent Trainings
- * School Compact
- * Parent Support
- * Evaluation of the program
- * Funding

Development of the Policy

The Parent Involvement Policy will be developed jointly with school staff, parents, and community members. It will be reviewed annually to update and revise. Notice will be sent to the parents when the meeting will occur. Information about the past year will be shared and discussed in order to make the revisions.

Annual Meeting

Franz Elementary School will review the Parent Involvement Policy during the sixth six weeks of the spring semester. Members of the Campus Advisory Team, the Parent Involvement Program team, and Title 1 parents will participate in the review of the policy. Members will be informed of the meeting in an email or written notice sent home with the students. The district will also hold a Title 1 meeting at the Katy ISD Educational Support Center on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 2:00 for parents to discuss the past year. A reminder will be sent home with students and it will be published in the local newspaper and on the Katy ISD website.

Building Capacity

Parents will be provided opportunities to assist in the development of skills to use at home that support their children's academic efforts and social development. Parents will be provided with techniques and strategies that can be utilized to assist their children in learning at home. Parents can access the district website, www.katyisd.org and www.tea.org to receive additional information on curriculum. Some of the activities provided by Franz Elementary are:

- * Parent Academy
- * Kindergarten Orientation
- * Title 1 Parent Meetings
- * TAKS Information Night
- * Family Fitness Night
- * Family Art Night
- * Love & Logic Parent Training
- * Flight of the Firebirds
- * POWER

Parent Participation

Parents are urged to involve themselves in school or district committees. These committees meet during the school year to plan for student activities and academic programs, to discuss parent and staff concerns, to approve categorical program budgets, and to enhance parent understanding and skills. Without parental participation, our many extra programs could not exist, and our students would not be nearly so successful. Notices about meetings and activities of the committees and groups listed below will be sent home regularly. Parents wishing to participate may contact the school office to volunteer or can attend the scheduled meetings.

- * Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- * Campus Advisory Team (CAT)
- * VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools)

Other opportunities for participation:

Classroom volunteer
Fall and spring parties
Carnival
Field Day
KEYS Mentor (Keep Encouraging Youth toward Success)
CATCH program (Coordinated Approach to Children's Health)
Flight of the Firebirds Fun Run
Jr. Achievement
Field Trips
Classroom Reader

School Wide Compact (available upon request)

Staff and Parent Communication

In order to build consistent and effective communication between the home and the school, Franz Elementary uses the following:

- Teacher welcome call
- Monthly school activity calendar
- Progress Reports
- Special Event/Reminder Notices
- School Assemblies (parents invited)
- Email
- School Marquee
- Campus Web
- Grade level Team Web pages
- KISD Web – Parent Information Center
- Six Weeks Report Cards/ Comments to parents
- Parent/Student Handbook
- School Newsletter
- Parent Conferences
- Parent Compacts
- School Messenger – phone messages to all parents
- Student Planner
- PTA website

Evaluation

FES staff and the Parent Involvement Program committee members will meet in May to evaluate the effectiveness of the Parent Involvement Program. Parental input will be sought by using surveys, observations, and assessment data. Parents will be informed of the results. The data will be used to update and revise the policy for the next year.

Funding

Title 1 requires that at least 1% of its funding is used for the purpose of parental involvement. The campus principal will approve the use of the funds.

Conclusion

Franz Elementary is committed to the academic success of all of our students. Administrators, staff, parents, and the community will work together to monitor the effectiveness of our Parent Involvement Program and the Title 1 program. This policy will be supported by the entire staff to ensure active participation by our parents.