

2016-2017 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 –

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting in their child’s learning;
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
- (C) 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;
- (D) the carrying out of other activities.

Our school agrees to implement the following:

1. Our school will jointly develop with parents, and distribute to parents, a School Parental Involvement Policy and School Plan for Student Achievement that the school and parents agree on. Our school will involve parents in the process in an organized, ongoing, and timely way. Our school will submit to the district any parent comments if the School Plan for Student Achievement is not satisfactory to parents. Our school will notify parents about the School Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand. The school will make the School Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community, which will be available online or through the school office.
2. Our school will update periodically its School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. The School Parental Involvement Policy will be reviewed and updated annually as part of the process of developing the School Plan for Student Achievement.
3. Our school will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its School Parent Involvement Policy. Our school will jointly develop the School-Parent Compact, inform parents about the School-Parent Compact, and distribute the School-Parent Compact.
4. Our school will take the following actions to convene an annual meeting to inform and distribute to parents, the School Parental Involvement Policy and information about school programs, including: their child’s and/or school’s participation in school programs; the requirements of the school programs; and the parents’ rights to be involved.
5. Our school will provide parents, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible. Our school will hold a flexible number of meetings at varying times, and provide transportation, child care, and/or home visits, paid for with Title I or other funding as long as these services relate to parental involvement.

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6. Our school will provide to parents a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Our school will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following: a) the State's academic content standards; b) the State's student academic achievement standards, c) the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments; d) the requirements of Title I (if applicable); e) how to monitor their child's progress; and f) how to work with educators. These meetings will be scheduled by the school, and information will be shared with parents through Back to School Night, parent-teacher conferences, and other school-level or classroom-level events and activities.
7. Our school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand. Our school will ensure the accessibility and opportunities for parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. This includes our efforts to provide information to the all parents and make the information accessible through appropriate interpretation and translation of documents for the major languages spoken by parents at our school.
8. Our school will build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents, and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement, through school-based events.
9. Our school will, with the assistance of its district, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement by offering a districtwide events and activities.
10. Our school will, with the assistance of the district and parents, educate its teachers, administration, and other personnel, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, concerning the value of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools. Our school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other programs, including preschool, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

For a complete copy of our School Parental Involvement Policy, you can go to our website: www.ggusd.us and click on About GGUSD and click on the link for the "Single Plan for Student Achievement" or request a copy through your school office.