

Armstrong Elementary

Parent Involvement Policy 2009-2010

Statement of Purpose

To ensure student achievement, Armstrong Elementary will foster effective communication between parents and school staff in order to facilitate a teamwork approach between both parties. We believe that through this partnership, we can remove barriers to parental involvement and increase student achievement. A variety of opportunities for parental involvement will be offered.

Parent Involvement in Developing the Policy

To increase parental involvement, a climate of comfort will be created along with the parents knowing the importance of their participation and their role in the child's education. The Armstrong Elementary Parent Involvement Policy is developed in consultation with school personnel, community members, and parents. It is approved by the Campus Based Leadership Team (CBLT) and distributed to all parents in both English and Spanish. This Parent Involvement Policy is reviewed annually and can be updated to meet the needs of parents and the school.

Annual Meeting for Title I Parents

An annual meeting, typically the Back-to-School Open House, will be held for parents to understand such topics as the state's student academic achievement and state and local assessments. We will also highly encourage parents to monitor their child's progress and work with their teachers to improve their child's academic success.

School/Parent/Teacher/Student Compacts

The School/Parent/Teacher/Student Compact developed through the CBLT and including discussion from parents, staff, campus administration, and community will be addressed during the Annual Meeting for Title I Parents. Every family will receive copies (English/Spanish) that will be then signed by the student, parents, and teachers.

Matching Parent Involvement Programs to the Needs of the Community

Armstrong Elementary will annually assess the students and parents of our community through parent and student surveys. Parents and students will be surveyed with regards to their needs and wants for school assistance and trainings so the campus's Title I Program can better meet the surveyed needs. Meetings and trainings will be held in English and Spanish and will be based on parent and student survey responses. Parents will be notified of upcoming learning opportunities by the school and the school district.

Campus/Parent Communication

Armstrong Elementary will encourage two-way communication between the parents and the school by providing written communication in English and Spanish. Frequent handouts from each grade level will go home in student Tuesday Folders informing parents of activities and learning opportunities. A school newsletter will go home each nine weeks. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held throughout the school year. The Communities In Schools organization will serve a vital role in parent communication and addressing campus and family needs.

Evaluation

The Parent Involvement Program will be evaluated annually. Information will be gathered from data on parental involvement and parents will be asked for input. Each spring the results of this information will be analyzed by the CBLT and concerns addressed. The Parent Involvement Policy will be revised based upon parent input and CBLT analysis.