



West Elementary

Parent Involvement Plan



West Elementary will work to build relationships to create family engagement to support every child, family, and teacher throughout the school year. We welcome all parents, families, and community members to be an integral part of their child's learning. We want to ensure the positive involvement of parents, allowing them to feel valued and appreciated while reinforcing the concept that academic achievement of children is a responsibility shared by all stakeholders (parents, community, students and staff) we will:

- Offer a Virtual Open House, to inform parents about the school, teachers, and important information.
- Inform parents about the Title I program and how Title I funds are used.
- Distribute homework and school bulletins in Spanish when possible.
- Provide a minimum of two additional parent meetings or activities planned to support state academic standards and to provide parents with strategies and materials to reinforce student learning at home.
- Place flyers, bulletins on Facebook and our school's website in order to provide tips for parents to engage in supportive learning activities with their children.
- Address the importance of school-parent communication with:
 - Parent/teacher conferences and student led conferences.
 - School Bulletin placed on Facebook and or our school website monthly.
 - Progress Reports and Report Cards will be distributed four times a year by the classroom teachers and are available electronically on Skyward.
 - Reports regarding student progress will be done through phone calls and/or written communication.
- We will provide opportunities for parents to visit the school, observe, and volunteer.
- Provide opportunities for parents to participate in various programs:
Father/Daughter Dance, Winter Holiday Program, Mother/Son Game Night, Book Fair (spring and fall), Special Olympics, and Road Run

Working Together at West!

When schools work together with families to support learning, children are inclined to succeed not just in school, but throughout life. West Elementary recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by schools, families and the community during the entire period a child spends in school.

The following are several suggestions of the many ways families may be involved with their child's education:

- Contact your child's teacher early in the school year and maintain communication throughout the school year.
- Participate in parent/teacher conferences and student led conferences.
- Ask the teacher what your child is learning and how you can support this at home.
- Talk with your child daily about homework, classroom activities and events.
- Learn about school policies and expectations so you can help your child understand them.
- Make efforts to stay informed of school and classroom events.
- Model behaviors and attitudes you expect from your child.
- Encourage and nurture your child's creativity.
- Be proactive in making the school aware of your support for your child's education.
- Talk with your employer about flex time so you can participate in school activities.
- Establish a daily family routine.
- Monitor out of school activities.
- Model the value of learning, self-discipline and hard work.
- Express high, but realistic expectations for achievement.
- Encourage your child's development/progress in school.
- Encourage reading, writing and discussions among family members.
- Be positive when talking with your child about school related activities.