

Morrill Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy

Morrill Elementary School recognizes the importance of having parents involved in the educational programs of their children. Since research indicates that a home/school partnership and greater involvement of parents in the education of their children generally results in higher achievement scores, improved student behavior, and reduced absenteeism, parents of students enrolled at Morrill Elementary School are encouraged to take an active role in the education of their children.

In an attempt to ensure that parents of our students more fully participate in their child's educational experience, the following parental involvement activities will be promoted at Morrill Elementary School.

- Morrill Elementary School will hold an annual meeting, at a convenient time for parents, to inform parents of their school's participation of the Title I Program. The annual meeting will be held in the fall and appropriate notice will be given to parents regarding the time and place of this meeting. More than one meeting may be held in order to accommodate scheduling needs of parents.
- Parental involvement is a part of the ongoing and timely planning, review and improvement of district and building programs.
- Parents are encouraged to support the implementation of district policies and regulations.
- Parents are encouraged to monitor their student's progress by reviewing quarterly report cards and attending Parent/Teacher Conferences in the Fall and Spring.
- Parents are provided access to records of students according to law and school policy.
- Requests by parents to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions and other instructional activities shall be made to the building principal or teacher. While requests to monitor are usually granted, if the request is denied, reasons for the denial will be provided.
- Parents are invited to express their concerns, share their ideas and advocate for their children's education with staff and administrators.
- School district staff and parents will participate in an annual evaluation and revision, if needed, of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, Morrill Elementary School will jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

- Once a year a meeting will be held to look at the compact and update it as needed.

Building Capacity for Involvement

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and community to improve student academic achievement, Morrill Elementary School will:

- Provide assistance to the parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and Local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate to foster parental involvement.
- Educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value of utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and

work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.

- To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.
- May involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training.
- May provide necessary literacy training from funds received under this part if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training.
- May pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- May train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.
- May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers and other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement.
- May establish a district parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported by Title I.
- May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement
- May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities;
- Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under the Parent Involvement Policy as parents may request.

Accessibility

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.

Use, distribution, and updating of this policy shall be incorporated into the District's Title I plan, shall be distributed to parents of participating children, shall be made available to the local community, and shall be updated periodically to meet the changing needs of the parents and the school.