

Anna Strong Learning Academy Parental Involvement Policy

Committee Members

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Research has proven beyond a doubt that there is a positive correlation between student success and parent involvement. Involving parents in the school learning community has the potential to provide greater impact on student success than any other educational program or reform. It is the intention of this plan to promote meaningful family participation in regard to student learning with the expected result of increased student achievement.

Standard 1: Communicating Anna Strong Learning Academy recognizes that communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful. Information is distributed to parents of Anna Strong Intermediate School through e-mail, phone calls, newsletters and the school website. We will also conduct two parent/teacher conference meetings during the school year to engage parents in meaningful dialogue about the progress of their children.

Pursuant to Act 35 of 2004, each teacher at Anna Strong Intermediate School is required to have no less than two hours of professional development designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. These two hours may be included in the sixty hours required for each certified employee. We also provide mentoring of new teachers annually with training on how to conduct parent teacher conferences to provide meaningful communication with parents.

Additional School Communication:

- Annual Report to the Public
- Student handbooks
- Calendar of events for the year
- Progress reports at 4 ½ weeks into marking periods
- Weekly folders
- Home-School Connections (Literacy Connection)

- Report Cards
- eSchool
- School monthly Newsletters
- Local Newspaper
- School Wide Phone Announcements
- Connect Five
- Family night events
- Grandparents Day
- Music Programs-daytime and evening presentations
- PESTS (Parents Empowering Students to Succeed)
- Six Grade Graduation
- Invitations to Open House
- Orientations for parents during transition periods
- Registration
- Marquee sign

Standard 2: Parenting Strong Intermediate School promotes and supports parenting skills and programs. We have a Parent Center open to families throughout the school year. The parenting center houses resources regarding responsible parenting as well as academic resource materials that are beneficial to families in need. Additional parenting resources are available at our school. Resources for parents of gifted children are also available at the Lee County School District Gifted Programs Office.

Standard 3: Student Learning Student learning increases when parents are invited into the process by helping at home. Anna Strong Learning Academy acknowledges the fact that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning. In order to assist parents in student learning, we will hosts informative parent meetings. These meetings are to inform parents about what students will be learning, how they will be assessed and how parents can assist their children in meeting educational objectives. Anna Strong Learning Academy invites parents to parent teacher conferences to discuss progress.

Title I School/Parent/Student Compacts have been developed.

Standard 5: School Decision Making and Advocacy Anna Strong Learning Academy recognizes that a parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect his or her child and family. Information on policies concerning parent visitation, student pick up procedures, and classroom visitation are provided to parents through the 3 Parent and Student Procedure Handbook. Our school has an active PTO for parent leadership and participation. Parents are also encouraged to participate on various advisory councils and committees such as Handbook Committees, ACSIP Committees, GT Advisory Committee.

- **Standard 6:** Collaborating with Community --Strong Learning Academy recognizes that community resources are used to strengthen schools, families and student learning. We will collaborate with area prekindergarten programs to prepare future students for school success. Committees consisting of parents, alumni, community members, teachers and administrators provide input regarding school improvement.

Other Collaborations:

- Men of Action
- Dental Screening Dr. L.C. Mitchell
- Food Pantry
- Flu Shot Clinic
- Home Coming
- Resource Officers

Marianna local businesses and area organization donated “back to school” backpacks.
Anna Strong Learning Academy has an open door policy for parental involvement. We welcome suggestions and/or comments to help us improve.

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