

Glenwood Elementary Parent Involvement Policy

2016-2017

Statement of Purpose

Glenwood Elementary is dedicated to providing a quality education for all students. Glenwood strives to ensure effective involvement of parents, to support and improve student achievement and to support a partnership among the school, parents and the community. Everyone gains if school, parents, and community work together to promote and support high achievement for all students.

Parents have access to grade level goals (TEKS). Our district recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance available through the Title I Program, as well as other educational services to reach these goals. Glenwood plans to include parents in all aspects of the district's Title I Program. The goal is a home-school partnership that will assist all students at Glenwood to succeed.

Parent Involvement in Developing the Policy

A committee consisting of parents, members of the community, teachers, and principal will meet in the spring to develop our Parental Involvement Policy for the next school year. Meetings will be set at convenient times and locations so that all members will have an opportunity to attend and participate. Child care will be available for those in attendance if necessary.

Annual Meetings for Title I Parents

A meeting will be held in the fall to inform Glenwood parents of the Title I Program and its requirements and guidelines. Written notices of the meetings will be sent to parents. A copy of the Glenwood Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed at the meeting. Parents will be encouraged to review the policy and to provide input regarding policy revisions and updates. The information will be provided in English and Spanish.

Home-School Compact

A Home-School Compact will be developed and revised each year to increase the sharing of responsibility between parents, students, and school for student achievement and success. Responsibilities of the school, parents, and students will be outlined in the compact. The compact will be provided in English and Spanish. Parent/student signatures will not be required, however, parents are encouraged to review and discuss the contents of the compact.

Types of Parent Involvement

To build a working partnership between home and school, Glenwood Elementary will:

1. Provide assistance to parents in understanding educational goals and state standards.
2. Provide information to parents about their child's progress in meeting those standards through progress notes, report cards and parent-teacher conferences.
3. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children.
4. Provide staff development to all staff to help facilitate their work with parents and build ties between home and school.
5. Offer parent meetings at a variety of times to maximize participation of parents. Activities may include: parent-teacher conferences, Open House, parent training that supports student learning at home and parenting workshops. Child care will be provided to all parents that attend.
6. Parents and community members will have an opportunity to volunteer and serve as mentors to help support students and academic achievement.

Glenwood Community Programs

Activities will reflect the needs of the Glenwood Community. Parent and student needs will be assessed through questionnaires and parental suggestions. Workshops and programs will be tailored to meet the unique student and parental needs of the community. Parents will be informed of involvement activities through the school and district offices.

Staff/ Parent Communication

Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts, phone calls, and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication.

Evaluation

The Title I Program and its components will be evaluated and reviewed to help ensure its effectiveness. Parents will have an opportunity to complete the Glenwood Parent Involvement Survey. Workshop and meetings will include evaluation forms. Staff will

analyze student achievement data and evaluate how Title I monies are being utilized to impact student achievement.