

Smith Elementary
Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy
2018-2019

Approved by SDC on 10/11/18

Smith Elementary in collaboration with parents and community will provide an exemplary education for all students in a safe environment.

At Smith Elementary, we believe a strong partnership between the school and home is essential if a quality educational program is to be provided for all students. We are committed to the philosophy that parent involvement is integral to the success of each student. For this reason, parents are actively recruited as our partners for success. The Parent Involvement Policy is presented to parents during Open House in the fall to communicate our beliefs and to solicit involvement from our parents. In order to meet our goal of a strong home school partnership, we will involve parents in their child's educational program as follows:

- At least two parent conferences will be held each year to discuss student progress. One conference may be by telephone.
- Smith will hold meetings during the school year where parents of students who are participating in the Title 1 program will have the opportunity to help review, plan or make suggestions to improve the educational program as well as have input in the Parent Involvement Policy and other school policies.
- Family nights and other curriculum events will be held to train parents so they can work effectively with their children to increase achievement.
- A varied schedule for meetings and conferences will be used in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
- Newsletters will go home informing parents about activities, programs, school related information, and parenting tips and suggestions. Upcoming dates for meetings such as Title 1, STAAR information meetings and testing dates and SDC meetings will be included in newsletters and flyers.
- Written communications will be sent home to parents of students receiving interventions informing them about the student's progress.
- A School-Parent Compact will outline how everyone will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement.
- Smith will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency and parents with disabilities.
- Smith staff will work in collaboration with parents to address areas in need of improvement.
- The school will maintain participation records for all parent-involvement activities.

Parent Involvement in Developing this Policy

A Parent Involvement Policy Committee consisting of parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators met together to develop and agree upon this written *Parent Involvement Policy* for Smith Elementary School. The policy:

- establishes the expectations of all concerned regarding parent involvement
- ensures that parents are notified of the policy in a language and format they can understand
- is made available to the local community
- is updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school