



Multicultural Academy's Parental/Community Involvement Plan

The Multicultural Academy understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the school and those it serves. As a result, Multicultural Academy shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. To achieve our goals, the Academy shall strive to:

1. Involve the parents and the community in the development of the long range planning of our school.
2. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of our school enhance the involvement strategies of other programs in our community.
3. Explain to parents and the community the state's content and achievement standards, state and local student assessments, how our school's curriculum is aligned with the assessments, and how parents can work with our school to improve their child's academic achievement.
4. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be more equipped to assist their child achieve. Our school may use parent resource centers or other community based organizations to foster parental involvement and provide literacy and technology training to parents.
5. Educate school staff with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent involvement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents.
6. Keep parents informed about parental involvement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
7. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education. This may include providing transportation and child care to enable parents to participate, arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences.
8. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our school.
9. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents.
10. Provide reasonable support for other parental involvement activities as parents may reasonably request.

The Academy shall develop a contract that outlines the responsibilities of parents, students and the school staff in raising student academic achievement and in building the partnerships that will enable students to meet the State's academic standards.

To ensure the improvement in parental/community involvement, the Academy will conduct an annual review of its parental involvement policies to examine their effect on promoting higher student achievement. The review committee will consist of parents and other community members, certified and classified school employees and members of the administration.

To enable our students to be successful, families must work in partnership with teachers, administration and other stakeholders to reach their academic, social and behavioral goals. Multicultural Academy encourages you to:

- Ensure that students reports to school daily at the scheduled time
- Return phone calls /emails to school within 24 hours
- Monitor homework completion
- Carefully review of all correspondence sent home
- Review, signing and return all forms to the school as requested
- Continually update all required information contained in student files
- Notify office immediately when there is a change in address or phone number
- Inform school promptly of all special medical or/and academic needs

The following is a comprehensive and informative list of activities and opportunities for our parents to become involved in their students' educational process throughout the course of the school year.

MAILOUT/HANDOUTS:

- Student Handbooks containing school/class rules and regulations
- Student application for Free and Reduced Lunches
- Invitations to Open House
- Student/Parent letter concerning yearly registration procedures
- Calendar of events for the year
- Student Progress Reports
- Report Cards
- Invitation to Parent/Teacher Conference Day/Evening
- Re-enrollment Form for returning students
- Information regarding Kindergarten, 5th and 8th grade promotional ceremonies
- Invitation to awards assembly
- Information regarding Curriculum Nights
- Information regarding Open House

PARENT MEETINGS:

- Student Orientation Meeting
- Parent Involvement Committee Meetings
- PTT Meets

I have read, understand and agree with the Parental/Community Involvement Policy and hereby acknowledge by signing below:

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date