

# **Parent and Community Involvement Policy**

## **Parent Involvement in developing the policy**

An advisory committee of parents, members of the community, teachers, and the principal will meet to discuss the design and implementation of the Parent Involvement Policy.

Committee members will consist of volunteers recruited through various avenues of publicity.

Committee selections will produce a diverse parent population that will include all student groups served on this campus. Meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for all concerned parties.

## **Annual Meetings for Title I Parents**

Murchison ISD will hold two meetings for parents during each school year. Parents will be informed of new Title I guidelines and the variations from the previous year's program. Copies of the district's current Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed. Parents will be encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the Policy as necessary.

The meeting will be held at convenient times and locations to allow as many parents as possible to attend.

Language translation and childcare will be provided to ensure parent participation and attendance. Parents will be sent written notices about meeting times.

## **School-Parent Compact**

In accordance with Title I regulations, each school must develop a parent-student compact with the parents of students participating in the program. This compact will enable the school and parents to share responsibility for student performance and success.

The compact must explain how students, parents, and staff will share the responsibility for promoting student achievement. All parents will be given a copy of the compact

detailing the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have in helping students accomplish their goals. Student's responsibilities will vary by grade level.

### **Types of Parental Involvement**

- Encourage efforts and express high expectations.
- Read together.
- Limit TV and video game time.
- Provide a quiet place to study and allow time to actively monitor homework.
- Enforce punctual attendance.
- Check backpacks and folders.
- Read notes & letters of upcoming events.
- Make sure your child is well rested.
- Suggest proper nutrition and limit caffeine and sugar to help with concentration.

### **Evaluation**

The campus Title I committee will review and evaluate all aspects of the parent involvement program. Parents will discuss the effectiveness of the program and offer suggestions for improvement. The evaluation procedure will include assessment of successes in the Parent Involvement Policy as well as recommendations for improvement in emergent areas.

The campus will revise its Parent Policy based on the results of the annual review.

### **Statement of Purpose**

Murchison ISD is dedicated to developing knowledge, skills, and citizenship for all students in a safe learning environment.

Murchison Elementary School is committed to providing quality education to every child. We want to establish partnerships with parents and the community. We will include parents in all aspects of the district's Title I program to ensure all students succeed.

### **Staff/Parent Communication**

Parents will be welcomed through various avenues of communication throughout the school year. Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts, phone calls, and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication.

## **Matching Parent Involvement Programs to the Needs of the Community**

Each year Murchison ISD will assess the needs of parents and children in this community, through a variety of measures including questionnaires and parental suggestions for creating a successful school environment.

Parents will be informed of involvement activities through the school office and letters sent home with students. Parents will be informed of workshops and other programs which are available through the Regional Educational Service Center. Parents may call the office at any time to express an interest in a particular workshop or to make a suggestion.