



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Locust Elementary School shall:

- Conduct meetings involving parents at a minimum of four times per calendar year
- Offer a flexible number of meetings/workshops/parent conferences that will lead to improved student achievement (at the end of the 1st and 3rd nine week grading periods)
- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way to the planning, review, and improvement of programs
- Provide parents timely information about the program, curriculum, assessment, and student progress
- Provide opportunities for parents to participate in their child's class, serve as volunteers, and observe classroom activities
- Present Common Core/Essential Standards and student performance standards, as well as, state and local assessments in an understandable format
- Provide opportunities for participation in school activities for all parents, including parents with disabilities and limited English proficiency

All parents, along with students and teachers, will be provided the opportunity to sign a Locust School Compact (Student Accountability Agreement) and promise that we will all do our best to help students succeed. The compact identifies certain things we each can do to be sure that every student meets state academic performance standards.

Parent Involvement Highlights:

- **Public Meeting:** This meeting will be held at the beginning of the school year (Open House). Title I parent involvement will also be discussed during the first PTA meeting or other beginning of the year event.
- **Flexible Number of Meetings:** Surveys will be used to determine parent needs and interests. Plans will be developed around this information to provide meeting opportunities that are scheduled to suit needs of parents
- **Involving Parents:** Parents will be represented during School Improvement Team meetings and other planning and program development meetings

- Providing Timely Information: Parents will be informed throughout the year on activities, events and conferences in which they will receive explanation and information on curriculum and assessment, proficiency levels, and grade level benchmarks. Parents will receive electronic and/or hard copy newsletters on a weekly basis and will also be notified via Phone Messenger, Remind 101, use of school road sign, and school website events.
- Providing Opportunities for Regular Meetings: PTA meetings, surveys, questionnaires, volunteer opportunities, and person-to-person meetings are some of the ways this will be addressed.
- Providing for Parent Comments: Parents will be given opportunities to comment on school planning through participation on the School Improvement Team. Our LEA and school Parent Involvement Plans and Policies are available in the Parent Resource Center on the Stanly County Schools website and are offered for review yearly. Space is provided in this document for parent signatures and comments.
- Providing Parent Assistance: Opportunities will be provided throughout the year. Parents will be notified of these opportunities through electronic and/or hard copy newsletters, PTA meetings, special events flyers, school road signs, school website, School Messenger calls, and Remind 101.
- Providing Materials and Training: A parent resource center will house free materials for parents on a range of topics and issues. Other materials will be made available as needs to foster parent involvement in learning.
- Educating School Personnel: Training will be provided to staff yearly as determined by needs assessment and test data.
- Coordinating and Integrating: Community resources and programs to support parent involvement.
- Ensuring Information is Understandable: Information will be communicated to parents in understandable language and in native language of parents when necessary.
- Participating in District-Wide Advisory Councils: A district Parent Advisory Council is in place in Stanly County. Locust Elementary School will encourage volunteered parent participation in this advisory council to enhance parent involvement in our school program.