

GREENE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Guidelines for Parent/Family Involvement

Implementation of the parent involvement policy is intended to develop positive relationships between the school and the home and to build capacity for parent involvement. Communication between the parent and the school is vital to enhance student success. Each school is encouraged to observe the following guidelines to encourage parental interaction and support for the learning process.

Welcoming All Families into the School Community

1. Create a climate to welcome parents into the school.
2. Invite parents and community members to volunteer in the school and provide training as needed.
3. Invite parents and grandparents to school for special days and events such as Grandparents Day, Donuts for Dads, Family Movie Night, Book Fairs, etc.
4. Request help from parents with field trips, book fairs, fund raising projects, and other scheduled events.
5. Recognize volunteers for their contributions.
6. Use language understood by the parent or volunteer.

Communication

1. Schedule conferences with parents to accommodate the varied schedules of parents, language barriers, and the need for child care.
2. Communicate with parents regarding positive student behavior and achievement.
3. Use the parent notification phone calling system to communicate information regarding school and system activities.
4. Provide a handbook, folder, or other written information regarding school policies, discipline procedures, school goals, assessment, and reporting procedures at the beginning of each school year.
5. Provide interim reports mid-way between grading periods, and schedule conferences if needed or requested.
6. Distribute student work to parents on a regular basis.
7. Schedule an open house during the first nine weeks of school to allow parents to meet the teachers and learn about grade level expectations and the State's academic content and achievement standards.
8. Inform parents of student assessment results in a timely manner.
9. Use websites to provide information to parents and community members regarding federal, state, and local requirements.
10. Post the parent involvement plan on the school's website.

Support Student Success

1. Encourage the use of information in the parent involvement newsletter posted on the district website.
2. Schedule training programs in the use of technology, literacy, and other areas of parent interest.
3. Use the school and district websites to inform parents of the Tennessee curriculum standards and assessment procedures for each grade level.
4. Invite and encourage parents to participate in school activities with their child.
5. Promote the establishment of academic booster clubs to support student achievement.
6. Share with parents the importance of reading and parental involvement in academic activities in the home.

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Sharing Power

1. Encourage the formation of PTA's or other parent groups.
2. Include parents on advisory groups and decision making committees; provide training as needed.
2. Be accessible and flexible in working with parents as equal partners to build ties between the parent and the school.
4. Develop the parent/school compact that outlines the specific agreement of both parties.
5. Involve parents in an annual review of the parent involvement plan.

Collaboration with Business and Community

1. Develop partnerships with local businesses and service groups.
2. Coordinate the annual Greeneville/Greene County Parenting Fair for the exchange of ideas and information of local and regional activities, resources, and educational opportunities.
3. Encourage student participation in service learning programs.
4. Use community members as school volunteers.
5. Encourage business leaders to provide release time for parents to attend conferences at school.
6. Coordinate and integrate parent involvement strategies with Head Start, Title I, Title III, and other programs in the district.

Legal Reference(s):

1. PL 107-110, *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*
2. TCA 49-6-7001-7003; State Board of Education - *Tennessee Parent Family Involvement Policy*.
3. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-305(b)(6)

Cross Reference(s):

- 4.502 Parent/Family Involvement

Procedure Reference(s):