

Summit Academy Parent Involvement Policy

Summit Academy regards parental involvement vital to the academic success of students. Parents are the initial teachers of their children and serve as partners with the district in helping their children achieve academic success.

Summit Academy will involve parents in the development of its district plan.

- The district will invite parents to participate in the development of the district plan. Information, including academic data, State and Federal allocations, personnel, and instructional strategies will be given to parent representatives.
- Parents will review information and give input into the development of the district plan.
- The Summit Academy Board will give final approval of the district plan.

Summit Academy will involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.

- Share the achievement data from all schools with parents.
- Invite input from parents regarding LEA and school goals throughout the year & in a year-end survey.
- Discuss scientifically-based research instructional practices.
- Give direction in securing research-based curriculum materials that align with goals.

Summit Academy will provide coordination and technical assistance to promote quality parental involvement activities.

- District leadership will include parental involvement discussions in district leadership meetings across departments to maximize coordination and effective use of resources.
- Provide annual training to school administrators and teachers on effective parent involvement strategies.

Summit Academy will build the school and parent capacity for strong parental involvement.

- Schedule an annual parent involvement seminar to build effective parental involvement strategies.
- The district will allocate Title I funds to support a half-time parent liaison for each Title I school.

Summit Academy will coordinate parental involvement strategies with other programs.

- Representatives from other programs (i.e. Head Start and Special Education) will be encouraged to cosponsor the annual parent involvement seminar with Title I.
- District leaders who have responsibility for overseeing parental involvement activities will meet at least twice a year to discuss plans and coordinate efforts.

Summit Academy will conduct an annual parental involvement evaluation.

- In the spring, local School Community Councils will be given a Title I Parent Involvement Evaluation Form and asked to complete the evaluation and provide input on how the district might improve support for parental involvement.
- At the spring SEP conference, parents will be encouraged to complete a parent involvement survey that will elicit feedback on current activities and request input for future efforts.
- At the beginning of the new school year, the district will provide a summary of the parental involvement survey with its plans to address identified needs and recommendations.

Summit Academy will ensure that Title I schools are involving parents in a variety of school activities.

- Require each Title I school to submit an annual report of successful parent involvement activities.
- In the annual training for administrators and teachers, the district will share identified successful parental involvement activities. They will be encouraged to share ideas with SPO Presidents and School-Community Councils.
- Principals will annually report to the district how they used Title I funds to support effective parent involvement strategies.