Andasol’s Title I Parent and Family Engagement 2019-2020

Andasol Avenue Elementary School recognizes that a critical part of effective schooling is parent involvement. Families and schools need to collaborate to help children adjust to the responsibilities of being successful students. The staff at Andasol believes that the education of its students is a responsibility shared with parents and involves parents in the joint development of the Involvement Policy. The school’s primary responsibility shall be to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enable all students to meet the academic expectations set forth in the California Academic Standards.

Parents shall have the responsibility and opportunity to work with the schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership with the goal of helping their children succeed in school. Andasol communicates regularly with families about curriculum, instruction and student progress in a language the parents understand. The Parent Involvement Policy is distributed annually to all parents.

A. Policy Involvement

- Andasol will hold annual meetings for all parents of attending children at a convenient time to inform them of the policy and how they can be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of programs in the school.
- Andasol will be flexible as to meeting time so as to encourage parent involvement.
- Andasol will involve parents in the planning and review of programs, regarding Parent Involvement Policy and School Plan.
- Andasol will provide parents with timely information about curriculum, assessments, and expected proficiency levels for student achievement.
- Andasol will provide parents the opportunity to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children and if requested, opportunity for regular meetings to formulate suggestions.
- Andasol will submit any written comments from parents regarding the school’s plan when submitted to the District.

B. Shared Responsibility

- The school staff and parents shall share responsibility for improved student achievement.
- School staff will be responsible for providing a high-quality instructional program and a safe nurturing learning environment for all students.
- The school administration will monitor the instructional program to ensure access to all students.
- Teachers will provide direct instruction in core academic areas.
- Under the direction of highly qualified teachers, paraprofessionals will assist with student learning by working with individual and small groups of students.
Parents are informed of academic progress by the three yearly progress reports, parent/teacher conferences, newsletters, telephone calls and/or email.

Parents will be responsible for supporting their child’s learning by monitoring attendance, homework completion, television and electronic media viewing, and participating in decisions relating to their child’s education.

Parents will be responsible for providing a quiet homework area that has the necessary supplies to support homework activities.

The school administration will ensure that parents have reasonable access to staff, classroom observations, campus visitation, and volunteer opportunities.

The responsibilities of each party will be discussed at parent-teacher conferences and/or Back-to-School Night.

C. Building Parent Involvement

To ensure effective parent involvement the school shall:

- Assist parents to understand topics such as content and achievement standards, state/local assessments, and how to monitor their child’s progress.
- Provide parents strategies to use at home to support their child’s academic achievement such as monitoring the completion of homework and class assignments, reading with their child, and working with math and literacy training.
- Educate staff on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.
- Ensure that reports/information are provided to parents in a format/language that is understood.
- Provide support for parental involvement activities as parents’ request.
- Integrate parent involvement activities and provide a Parent Resource Center to encourage and support parent participation in the education of their child.

D. Accessibility

The school, to the extent practical, shall provide parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities opportunities to fully participate in school sponsored activities.

The school shall provide information and reports in a format and in a language such parents understand.