

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Statement of Purpose

Mildred Elementary School is committed to the goal of providing a quality education for every child. In order to accomplish this goal, partnerships must be established with parents and the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement for our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. The District recognizes and encourages parents in the four key roles that they play in their children's learning as:

- Teacher – helping to establish a pattern of learning within the home,
- Supporter – contributing their skills and time to the school,
- Advocate – establishing a relationship with the school for the benefit of their child, and
- Decision Maker – participating in joint problem-solving with the school at every level.

Parent Involvement in Developing the Policy

The Campus Improvement Committee is composed of parents, community leaders, business representatives, and district personnel. The Committee has direct input in the development and revision of the parent involvement policy on an annual basis. Parent comments from parent/teacher conferences, parent surveys, and other meetings to solicit parent input are also used in the development and revision of this policy.

Mildred Elementary School Parent/Student/School Compact

In order for school, parents, and students to share responsibility for high achievement, the Mildred Elementary School/Parent/Student Compact is discussed each year by campus improvement committees. This compact is included in the student handbook which is available on-line for anytime access. A copy is reviewed with parents during the October conference and signed by all Compact participants. The Compact outlines school, parent, and student responsibilities necessary for effective learning to take place.

Types of Parental Involvement

The Superintendent, in coordination with the Principal, provides assistance and other support necessary to help the school plan and implement effective parental and community involvement efforts. Realizing the value of parents and their contribution to the partnership of creating successful students, input will be requested to assist education personnel in building upon that relationship to strengthen ties between home and school.

The following are possible opportunities for home-school partnerships that parents are encouraged to take advantage of throughout the year.

- Mildred Elementary Campus Site-based Committee
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parent Involvement Bulletin Board located in the Elementary foyer
- Mildred Elementary School/Parent/Student Compact
- Annual Title I Meeting
- Mildred Elementary School Website and Social Media
- Parent Surveys
- Mildred Elementary PTO
- Mildred Elementary Grade Level Newsletters
- Newsday Tuesday Folder Distribution

Questions, concerns, and/or comments may be directed to Jana Schwarz, Principal, at 903-872-0381.