

The administration, staff and parents of this school believe that the improved academic achievement of each student is a responsibility shared by the entire school community to prepare students for a lifelong love of learning.

Parental involvement activities in the school will include opportunities for

- Parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities
- Staff development and parent education
- Parents to provide home support for their student's education
- Parents to participate in school decision making
- Effective communication between the school and parents

Responsibilities:

The school will:

- Provide a high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards. The school will employ highly qualified teachers who will be provided professional development and will continually update resources and maintain an environment that facilitates learning.
- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, plans, and policies.
- Involve parents in the Zachary Elementary School Improvement Team
- Solicit parental input at gatherings such as
 - ZEPO (Zachary Elementary Parent Organization) meetings
 - Hero Breakfast
 - Grandparents Day

Referring to the School Level Parent Involvement Policy, the school will

- Facilitate the implementation of the parental involvement policy
- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the policy at least annually by inviting them to take part in developing the School Improvement Plan (SIP).
- Provide the policy in an understandable and uniform format.
- Make the School Parent Involvement Policy available to the community at the Fall Open House, online through school/district websites, and through the school office
- Inform parents of their school's participation in Title I, the requirements of Title I and the right of parents to be involved.
- Inform parents of related meetings and encourage and invite them to attend through notices sent home with students, monthly newsletters, and websites. Parents unable to attend will be able to meet with the principal.
- With regard to Title I programs and plans, the school will

- Inform parents about the goals and purposes of Title I, Title I programs in place at the school, related curriculum concerns, academic assessments used to measure student progress, and expected proficiency levels
- Submit to the district any parent comments on the plan
- If requested by parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings of parents and school personnel where parents may question or offer suggestions regarding Title I policies and programs
- Provide timely responses to parents
- With regard to professional development, the school will:
- Provide training to school staff to strengthen parent involvement efforts relating to
 - The value of parental involvement and contributions
 - How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners
 - How to build ties between the parents and the school

With regard to the coordination with other programs, the school will

- Collaborate with community agencies and businesses to provide activities that encourage and support parent participation in the education of their student, including
 - Working with ZEPO
 - Mentoring programs
 - Tutoring or homework programs
 - School facilities improvements
 - School Volunteer program
 - Honor Roll Programs
- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their students to improve the student's academic performance. This will include the following:
 - Family AR nights
 - Destination Math and Destination Reading portal version
 - Parent/Teacher conferences
 - Family Art's Night
 - Listing homework and school projects on the website
 - References on the website for parents
- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in an understandable format.
 - Provide monthly newsletters informing parents of activities and school information
 - Provide a monthly newsletter with helpful parenting information to assist parents with helping their children
 - Provide updated information on the school website
 - Assess needs of parents, students, and teachers through online surveys

- Provide access to educational resources for parents via links on school website
- Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities, such as
 - AR Night
 - Star Student Breakfast
 - Hero Breakfast
 - Holiday lunches
 - Open House
 - Orientation

The professional staff of Zachary Elementary School will

- Assist the administration in facilitating and implementing the School Level Parental Involvement Policy and related activities
- Advise parents of their student's progress regularly through
 - Parent Command Center
 - Student work packets (sent biweekly)
 - Mid nine weeks progress reports
 - Nine weeks report cards
 - Be accessible to parents and provide opportunities for parents to meet with them on a regular basis to discuss their student's progress and to participate as appropriate in the decisions relating to their student's education. Hold at least one parent/teacher conference during the year at which the Student/Parent/Teacher Compact will be discussed as it relates to the student's achievement
 - Provide opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their student's class.