



Shearn Elementary
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Shearn Elementary School
Title I, Part A Parental Involvement
Policy
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PURPOSE: Shearn Elementary School supports success in student education and thus, collaborates with parents as well as guardians and extended family members in their child's education. We developed this policy and School Parent Compact to describe how to enhance our parent's participation with their child's achievement in their education. Our pledge, by developing this Parental Involvement Policy, is to assist in our student's future by maintaining strong communication and providing opportunities to enhance parental involvement throughout the school year.

POLICY INVOLVEMENT: We invite our parents at the beginning of the year to participate in the Title 1, Part A meeting in implementing and revising a plan of action to increase parental involvement. Shearn alerts parents by posting in advance on our social media platforms, in particular Class Dojo, send home notices and as well as marquee updates.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: Our pledge continues with "Meet and Greet" with our current limitations which opens up parental communication, allows parent to become familiarized with our campus, class schedules, and classroom expectations.

We continue to inform parents of our goals, expectations, and special program being offered, encourage parental participation in planning, address parental concerns, improvement of Title 1 programs, including presenting contributing/revising to this Parental involvement policy. This will be completed through a total of eight meetings through out the year with flexible time early or later in the day.

PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT: Our school communicates with parents on a timely manner in English and Spanish concerning the state's curriculum, assessment and expectations, and school wide requirements in relation to instruction, techniques utilized to evaluate student work, and individual classroom routines to improve our student academic success. High volume of communication is done through our Wednesday Notification Day, electronically outreach through our website as well as Class Dojo, Facebook, and Twitter, call-out as well as phone calls from staff. At our parental meetings, we continue to explain promotion guidelines, curriculum, student performances, Brain Pop, Summer School, Spelling Bee, Summer School, Mobile Clinic, District Parental Trainings, parent/student counseling, parent interpreters and Saturday STAAR Tutorials, Science Fair, and how parents can support and participate in these events.

SCHOOL PARENT COMPACT: A district model for the school-parent compact was developed jointly with parents and participating Title 1 students. It explains how parents, school staff and the students will all share responsibility for each student's academic success. This pledged is also used to motivate students and parents to become intrinsically involved in the educational process and equal partnership in our students.

BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT: It is part of Shearn's role to teach and strengthen parents how to help their children learn. One way this is done is by holding parental training to explain district, state and national education guidelines provided by the distinct guidelines. Information provided will allow parent to better support their child's learning such as understanding the importance of challenging academic standards and how to help children meet these standards, and monitor children progress in academic skills that help parents successful with their children. In addition, Shearn utilizes its partnership with its in house Wrap Around specialist, concerning community outreach on parental literacy training, parent education and health assistance.

PARENT TRAINING AND INVOLVEMENT: Presentations are designed to help parents with decision-making skills regarding their child's education. Materials and training are provided to help parents assist their children in various programs present throughout the school year. Typically the programs consist of educational field trips, Family Math/Science Nights. Ongoing training is provided to teachers/staff members. Shearn staff is taught the importance of involving parents and building ties between home and school. We will eventually, encourage parents to set up a conference time with their child's teacher(s) and communicate with parents about volunteering and school happenings.

COMMUNICATION: Participation and involvement of all parents is important regardless of English proficiency, mobility or disability. We ensure that parents with disabilities can participate by providing handicapped access to all areas of our campus, including classrooms, meeting and conference areas. All our correspondence related to student achievement, school performance, school and parent programs, meetings and other opportunities for participation is sent home in Spanish and English. All our standard information included in our Parental Involvement Policy, School-Parent Compact, report cards, and progress reports, meetings, Open House, Early Dismissal.