

Parent Involvement Policy
McKinley Elementary School

In acknowledgment of overwhelming research supporting the fact that parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, McKinley Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through an active Parent Volunteer Program, active Family Resource Center and an active Parent & Teacher Organization. Parents are encouraged to participate in such activities as: Back to School Night, Family Literacy Nights, Family Math Nights, Fall Goal Setting Conferences, Spring Student-Led Conferences, Open House and PTM Family Nights.

In order to build an even more effective home-school partnership, McKinley will provide the following:

1. An annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation in the Title I program. The school will explain its requirements and the parent's right to be involved.
2. A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
4. A minimum of two scheduled parent conferences, where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information, and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
5. Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding how they can promote the education of their child at home. Articles will be written in the school newsletter concerning reading and/or math issues, which will help parents become partners with the school in promoting the education of their child at school and home. Teachers will communicate with families on an ongoing basis through classroom newsletters and informational flyers. The school web site provides continual, up-to-date information to our families, as well.
6. A school-parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improving learning.
7. An annual survey for all parents shall be conducted to collect opinions and concerns of parents about the current program and to collect suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings that meet the needs of parents.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understood by all. Parents and community members are always welcome at McKinley Elementary School.