

FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Ford Elementary school is a caring and cooperative environment in which students are taught to strive for their maximum potential intellectually, physically, and emotionally. Our community of students, families and educators are committed to a high level of academic achievement for all students as determined by state and national standards. Our mission is for every Ford student to master grade-level skills and reach their highest potential, regardless of academic performance, family background, socio-economic status, race, or gender.

Ford staff and parents can view a copy of the Title 1 policies, budget information and goals on the school website that will be updated several times throughout the school year to provide opportunities for feedback and changes.

ANNUAL EVALUATION

The Ford Elementary School Site Council will virtually verify annually the progress made toward achieving the goals and expected results of the school parent involvement policy.

FLEXIBLE MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Ford Elementary School personnel will provide a variety of meeting times, locations, and venues for the before-mentioned activities, including virtual to serve all families. We will also use multiple types of communication to assure families are informed of meetings and events.

BUILDING OF PARENTAL CAPACITY

Ford Elementary School will provide parents with virtual opportunities to attend informational activities (District Advisory Council -D.A.C, academic workshops, and special projects). Appropriate language support is provided.

- **Parenting**
Virtual Program offerings to assist families with parenting and child rearing skills, understanding adolescent development, and setting home conditions that support children as students at each age and grade level is provided. Activities such as parenting classes that focus on homework help, aligning school and home behavior, management techniques and/or others as determined by parent survey.
- **Communication**
Ford Elementary School provides in person or virtual opportunities for parent-teacher conferences, sharing information and participating in their child's program with timely staff response to academic suggestions as well as the parent/student compacts. Parents are aided in understanding goals, assessments, monitoring and decision making, to coordinate and participate in their child's education. Program activities and parental included involvement opportunities are provided on nondiscriminatory basis, and to the extent possible, sent in any language and form that parents can understand.
- **21st Century Community Learning**
These after school and summer classes compliment the student's regular school day program. After school programs help students meet the core standards in academic subjects such as language arts and math. In addition, other educational services are offered to family members of students participating in the program to further engage parents in their student's learning and achievement goals.

Communications to parents include surveys, workshop feedback-response forms, weekly classroom newsletters, monthly parent newsletters, school website, email, and information posted on the marquis. Information is provided on a non-discriminatory basis, and to the extent possible, sent in a language and form that the parents can understand.

Volunteering

- Parents are offered virtual opportunities to be involved as volunteers and as audience at school and in other locations to support students and school programs. They can participate in the PTA, Ford Elementary School Site Council, volunteer in the classrooms and with other school activities.

Learning at Home

Parents will receive results and interpretation of their child's assessments such as NSGRA, DIBELS, progress reports, State Testing, quarterly writing prompts and log into their child's academic progress through Parent Access on the TUSD Stats website. Our goal is to involve families with their children in learning activities at home, i.e., including homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions.

- **Decision Making**
Parents are offered virtual meetings and services that will permit meaningful parent involvement in decision-making process involving school improvement plan, and other programs that relate to the education of their child. Parents will be included as participants in school decisions and invited to all site council and PTA meetings.
- **Collaborating with the Community**

Ford, in partnership with parents, will seek community resources to connect families to services and strengthen school programs.