



Sunny View Elementary School Parent/Family Engagement Policy



Sunny View Elementary School (SVE) recognizes the critical role of parents in the education of their children. Our parents are encouraged to learn about the goals and objectives of our school, in addition to their child's progress. We also encourage parents to participate in activities that involve them, such as parent conferences, in order to encourage effective communication.

A copy of the policy is included in parent/teacher conference paperwork, new enrollment packets, and in the beginning of the year paperwork.

Annual Public Meetings

Sunny View Elementary School's annual Title 1 meeting is held in November of each year. During this meeting, the Title 1 teacher passes out and discusses the Parent/Family Involvement Plan. Comments and feedback will be welcomed at this time. Parents/Families are also encouraged to give feedback via email, if they aren't able to attend.

Involving Parents

Aside from our annual Title 1 meeting, we will have numerous opportunities for parents to participate in various family involvement events. Event dates are distributed through flyers, the school's Facebook page, Sunny View Elementary School's website, and Infinite Campus.

We at Sunny View are always willing to meet with parents/guardians who express an interest, concern, or suggestion. SVE feels that parents and teachers are partners in the education of all students. SVE wants parents/guardians to feel welcome and involved throughout the school year.

Timely Information

The most significant way to enhance the quality of school life beyond a strong academic program is through communication. To keep parents informed of their child's progress, teachers send information and student work home in their Friday folders. This folder contains work that has been graded and given feedback, from the previous week. A weekly newsletter is also distributed to parents in these Friday folders. It gives parents information about upcoming events and what students are expected to learn the upcoming week. This format is utilized at all grade levels.

Progress reports are sent home every three weeks in the form of report cards and interim reports. These include information parents need about their child's progress, their performance in school, and the teacher's contact information for questions/concerns.

Regular Meetings

Parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's academic progress. Each teacher or administrator schedules parent/student conferences as necessary or when requested by parents. These conferences are scheduled before, during or after school hours. Parents are invited to attend and give input when a child is referred for specialized services. Also, parents are involved in developing their child's Individual Education Plan (IEP), 504 Accommodation Plan MTSS meetings, and Personalized Education Plan (PEP).

Parent Compacts

Compacts (contracts) involving parents, students, and teachers will be distributed at the beginning of the school year and as new students enroll in order to obtain commitment from all parties involved. Compacts will be signed during Meet Your Teacher Day, held in August. Title 1 compacts are sent separately to homes after September assessments are completed. These compacts are for Title 1 students only and they have to be signed in order for the student to receive assistance.

Family Resources

The school library at SVE is located in the main building and parents are encouraged to use it. This service is available for all parents to use to gain resource materials that can assist them and provide extra opportunities for children to learn and achieve at home and at school.

Transition

Parents of upcoming Kindergarten students will be invited to an informational Kindergarten Orientation, offered during the Kindergarten registration period. This session includes strategies and ideas that parents can use to assist their children prior to Kindergarten to ensure a successful start. Students are introduced to the classroom and school environment. A brief Powerpoint is shown to parents and each family gets a Kindergarten starter packet. The packet shows what the students will be learning and how to help them transition into the school environment.

School Personnel

SVE has a tradition of collaboration and teamwork with all staff and parents to assume responsibility for student achievement. A high level of trust and support exists along with high expectations and a desire for excellence. Parents, teachers, administrators and student support services work closely together to achieve goals. With the combination of small classroom sizes, increased time for instruction, consistency with instructional practices, focused interventions and professional development, we will produce significant gains, achievement and provide continued success on our journey to excellence.

Collaborative Community

Sunny View Elementary School will continue to collaborate and coordinate with community agencies and organizations, as needed, to provide the maximum educational opportunities available. These include the Department of Social Services, Family Preservation Services, Steps of Hope and Thermal Belt Ministries.

Parent Communication and Conferences

Parents will be notified of scheduled activities through flyers, newsletters, invitations, SVE webpage, social media (Facebook), and Infinite Campus. Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community members are always welcome at Sunny View Elementary School.