

AISD Parental Involvement Program
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What is Parental Involvement?

- A process of community action that enriches the entire educational spectrum.
- the home
- the school
- the community

What creates a strong partnership with parents?

- interacting with the school
- the school is interested in the family by making positive phone calls
- home visits
- orientation sessions at school where staff members and parents work cooperatively together

What happens when parents show an interest in school?

For the child:

- higher esteem
- increased motivation
- willingness to learn

For the parent:

- gains confidence
- awareness of a parent's impact on a child's development
- gain information about school's activities
- understanding of the child's learning behavior
- observe the child with peers
- involved with the child in the child's own setting
- classroom observation
- reinforce school skills at home
- meet other parents in the community

For the teacher:

- discuss the individual needs of students
- learn more information about the students
- more communication with parents
- explain classroom materials and strategies being used
- better understanding about the community being served

For the school:

- increased effectiveness of school programs
- increased enrichment activities
- better communication between the home and school
- awareness of the needs of the parents and community
- consistent student attendance

What activities contribute to a successful parental involvement program?

- Classroom observations
- Classroom participation
- Involvement in the total environment of the child

Who can volunteer?

- parents
- grandparents
- community members

Volunteer Guidelines

Volunteers are guided by school policies, rules, and regulations, under the direction of a staff member. Classroom work is always confidential.

Keep the following points in mind:

- The teacher is a certified employee under the laws of the state and the district.
- The school volunteers should work with staff members in a professional manner.

A volunteer may not perform duties until:

- The volunteer has provided to the District a driver's license or another form of identification containing the person's photograph issued by an entity of the United States government.
- The District has obtained from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) all criminal history record information that relates to the volunteer. The District may obtain a volunteer's criminal history record information from any other law enforcement agency, criminal justice agency, or private consumer reporting agency.

The criminal history record review requirement applies to any volunteer or person who has indicated in writing, an intention to serve as a volunteer with the District.

Volunteer Badges

The badge is a clear identification as a school volunteer.

Teachers, school personnel, and other volunteers can recognize you.

You are very special and we want to recognize you.

Confidentiality

In order to protect the rights of students, volunteers must remember to maintain confidentiality when working on a campus. Principals and teachers have the authority to discipline a student, and the progress or behavior of students must not be discussed.

Environment

AISD is a smoke free, drug free, and bully free environment. Volunteers are expected to abide by the guidelines.

Sign-In

Please make sure to sign-in and out with the front school office before entering any classroom. **If you are**

interested in volunteering, please contact the campus administrator at your child's school.