

Parent Involvement Guidelines and Compact Skinner Road School

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The goal of the Skinner Road School Parent Involvement Guidelines and Compact is to ensure effective involvement of parents and to continue to support the partnership between the school, parents and community to improve student academic achievements, promote well-rounded and happy students in a safe learning environment and to celebrate the talents of all.

Parents/guardians have been afforded the opportunity to provide input into these Guidelines and will continue to explore ways to build home/school relationships to meet the changing needs of our students.

Parent involvement is crucial to the success of students and parents are encouraged to become involved in the educational process by remaining informed.

- Parents will be notified annually of planning meetings to revise and improve these Guidelines to meet the changing needs of our school community.
- All stakeholders are invited to share ideas and thoughts about how to continue to foster shared responsibility for high student achievement at the annual meeting, anytime verbally or in writing to the principal.
- A parent feedback section will become a part of the SRS Website. Parents will have access to the email addresses of each teacher at Skinner Road School.
- Monthly Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) events are held to inform parents of school objectives, activities and answer questions related to:
 - Student achievement
 - Curriculum Content
 - School procedures and policies
 - Celebrations of student achievement, ie. Wall of Fame, SRS Brag book
 - Enrichment opportunities for students and families
 - Building a community
 - District initiatives including policies, bond issues and budget related issues
- Monthly newsletters are distributed to each student and electronically to parents upon request. This newsletter is intended to promote student achievement through informing parents about academic expectations, academic assessments, school-wide activities and curriculum, and opportunities to discuss student expectations at:
 - Parent conferences
 - Report card and progress reporting periods
 - Anytime upon request
 - Pursue creation of Grant Writing committee – Parents/School

Skinner Road School believes that to attain high student academic achievement parents and school staff must share responsibility for educating the whole child.

School staff will continue to work hard and set high expectations for all students through the following commitments:

- Provide quality and differentiated curriculum to all students
- Equal access to the curriculum for all students
- Develop a safe learning environment that focuses on rewarding positive behaviors, and encourages individual student accountability
- Maintain high expectations and consistency when interacting with children
- Monitor student achievement of each child in the class and set goals with students on how to improve achievement
- Express expectations to parents and children regarding academic, social and behavioral standards
- Provide families with materials and training to help parents work with their children
- Communicate student progress on a regular basis and express academic or behavioral concerns immediately
- Receive ongoing training and consider how to better educate children and involve parents and families in the educational process
- Plan activities to promote parent involvement
- Treat children with respect
- Be accessible to parents for questions about curriculum and individual student achievement

Parents shall ensure that their child is challenged and supported by the following:

- Express to their children the importance of attending school prepared to learn and contribute positively to the school community
- Stay informed regarding student expectations, procedures, and will seek support or information from their child's teacher or principal when needed
- Review their child's work nightly and progress regularly
- Participate in the school community and become involved in the education of their child to promote success
- Remain informed
- Parent should create a homework space for children to complete assignments. This environment should be quiet and free of distractions
- Parents and children are provided an opportunity to give feedback to staff
- Attend school daily on time and only absent when it is medically necessary
- Attend parent/teacher conferences prepared with questions and comments about their child's achievements

We value parent involvement and commitment to the educational and emotional success of Skinner Road School students. We look forward to the continued teamwork toward achieving these goals. Together we can make Skinner Road School a wonderful place to grow and receive an education.