

ELC

Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy

ELC recognizes that parental involvement is the key to academic achievement. Parent refers to any caregiver who assumes responsibility for nurturing and caring of our children, including parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, stepparents, etc. When parents are involved in their children's education, the attitudes, behaviors, and achievement of students are enhanced in a positive manner. In order to enhance parental involvement and in keeping with the district policy, ELC will promote these six essential elements:

- Communication between home and school is regular, two way, and meaningful: Monthly newsletters from the office, weekly newsletters from classroom teachers, daily conduct sheets with comment sections, surveys and feedback from parents, and announcements from office pertaining to upcoming events are some examples of home and school communication.
- Responsible parenting is promoted and supported: Parents will be linked to programs and resources within the community that provide support services to families.
- Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning: Our staff recognizes parents' role as the integral and primary facilitator of their children's education. We encourage parent involvement in our students' learning.
- Schools are open and inviting to parents and families: Parents are welcome to visit our school. Their support and assistance enhance learning and strengthens the family, school, and community partnership.
- Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families: Parents and staff have a joint responsibility to share in the education of our children. Parents are included in decision making at district and school level through meetings and surveys.
- Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning: The Partner in Education program, which involves the community businesses and organizations, is active in supporting our school (Kiwaniis Terrific Kid, United Way Volunteers for Reading are two examples).

Providing our children with equal access to quality education is the primary goal of our school and district. It is vital that all partners (parents, educators, and community) work together to meet this goal.