

TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT BELIEF STATEMENT:

The TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and Wildcat Parent Teacher Organization (WPTO) believe that the education of children is a joint responsibility. To ensure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, strong communication and/or collaboration between home and school must be maintained. TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO recognize that parents and families are a child's first and most important teachers. When children enter school, the responsibility for their learning is shared by the schools, families, communities, and the children themselves.

TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO also believe that:

- Families of all cultures, languages, and incomes care deeply about their children's success;
- Family-school-community collaboration and partnerships benefit all children; and
- Each school employee will strive to create a welcoming and family friendly atmosphere for all children.

Communication

- Conduct family-student-teacher conferences, meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences and communicate by email to WPTO;
- Hold Meet Your Teacher Nights, Family Nights and communicate with families by telephone and/or e-mail;
- Building Newsletters with information on programs, meetings and other activities will be sent to families and posted on the Valley View website in Spanish/English;

Planning and Decision Making

- TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO will actively enlist family participation in planning and developing School Improvement and Title 1 Schoolwide plans;
- TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO will seek out parent input on all matters related to family involvement policy as well as the adoption and implementation of model approaches and training programs directed toward increasing family involvement.

Collaboration

- TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO, and families will collaborate to evaluate the effectiveness of family involvement policies in improving the academic achievement of students;
- Families, educators and community members will work together to promote and increase educational opportunities for children;

Supporting Student Learning

- TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO will provide opportunities for parents to learn effective ways to support their students' educational needs at home;
- TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO will ensure that families receive information on state assessment system;
- Offer educational programs including literacy activities that are responsive to the needs of families.

Opportunities for Involvement

- Families are welcomed as volunteers at TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL;
- Volunteer opportunities will capitalize on the expertise, interests and skills of the parents and have a direct connection to school and Valley View goals;
- Families will assist in identifying and addressing barriers to parent involvement;
- Families will be invited and encouraged to have a role on WPTO and Committees;
- TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO will support opportunities for involvement by supporting regional parent conferences and other local family events as well as provide child care and transportation when appropriate;

- TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO will work with families in finding strategies to enhance and encourage the involvement of other parents.

Reviewing the Policy

- TOPPENISH PRESCHOOL and the WPTO will convene a group made up of parents, students, community and staff every year to evaluate, review and revise this policy.

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