Dodson Elementary School

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY
2018-2019 School Year

Parents are Partners at Dodson Elementary

Parental involvement is critical to the educational success of children. Parents are very influential in helping their children achieve high academic standards. When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children are successful and schools improve. You, as parents, are partners in your child’s education and are encouraged to be actively involved. Listed below are ways in which parental involvement is employed at Dodson Elementary.

Communication with Parents

- A packet of information is sent to each student’s home prior to the beginning of the school year welcoming him or her to Dodson Elementary.
- Parents and students are invited to attend a Meet the Teacher Night prior to the start of school and meet their child’s teacher.
- Parents are contacted by phone, in their native language, regarding positive and negative actions of their children. All teachers have telephones in their classrooms in order to make this easier.
- A Parent School Compact is signed by parents, teachers, and students.
- Parents are informed of student expectations and proficiency levels by receiving copies of progress reports, report cards, and assessment reports.
- The marquee in front of school is utilized in to relay important information to parents.
- A school wide call out system is used in order to reach a large amount of families in a short period of time.
- A school website is maintained to assist parents in accessing information, including TN State Standards and important dates.
- Social Media (FaceBook, Twitter) posts important information for parents.

Meeting with Parents

- A Fall Title I Annual Meeting & Open House is held to welcome parents and students and to provide information about our school and the Title I Program.
- Parent workshops are scheduled throughout the year to equip parents to teach their children at home. The times of these vary for parents’ convenience.
- Parent Conferences are scheduled in November between teachers and parents with interpreters available, if needed.

Active Parent Participation

- Parent Involvement programs will be advertised in a timely manner though newsletters, flyers, social media, and the outside marquee.
- Parents are invited to attend classroom activities, field trips, holiday parties, assemblies, and to volunteer with activities such as Picture Day, Festivals, Field Day, and Book Fair.
- Parents are involved in writing and implementing the Parent School Compact and the School Improvement Plan.
- A suggestion box is available in the front office for parental input.
- Our fourth graders moving to Middle School will be given a tour of DuPont Tyler Middle School to meet with the counselors to start the transition.
- We work with our Pencil Partners to improve student achievement and parent involvement.

Please contact your child’s teacher or Pam Pedigo, for suggestions or changes to this policy...pamela.pedigo@mnps.org