

Yavapai Elementary School Parental Involvement Policy



PART 1 GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Yavapai Elementary School agrees to implement the following requirements:

- The school will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for parent involvement in the school. Programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents;
- Yavapai will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents understand;
- Yavapai will submit any complaints to the school district;
- Yavapai will involve the parents in our school in decisions about how the Title1 parent Involvement funds are spent;
- Yavapai will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition-

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-

- A. that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning,*
- B. that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school,*
- C. that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child,*
- D. the carrying out of other activities, allowed under ESSA.*

PART 2 DESCRIPTION OF HOW WE WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

- 1. Yavapai will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its parent policy:**
 - Address writing of document with the Leadership Team that consists of an equal number of teacher and parent members;
 - Formulate a draft of the policy through the Leadership Team;
 - Present the policy draft at a Parent meeting and have parents comment and refine document;
 - Present a final draft of the policy to the Leadership team for approval.
- 2. Yavapai will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:**
 - Bring programmatic needs to the Leadership Team, Title 1 Committee and survey parents seeking to define the needs of our school;
 - Title 1 meetings will be conducted addressing programmatic needs;
 - Surveys regarding the success on the School Improvement Plan, will be designed, shared and reviewed by the Leadership Team.
- 3. Yavapai will provide the necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support required to plan and implement effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance through-**
 - Site Leadership Team
 - Title 1 Committee
 - Site ELD Department
 - Site Special Education Department
 - Site Committees
 - Staff Development
 - Parent participants
 - Information sharing
 - Use of translations/translators for all information
 - The Community Specialist
 - Site Translator
 - Collaboration and coordination of programs on campus

- Strengthening ties with community
- 4. Yavapai will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies from other programs by:**
- Coordination of activities;
 - Collaboration of parents and teachers involved in programs;
 - Leadership Team problem solving;
 - Gathering and sharing of information with parents as partners in decision-making activities.
- 5. Yavapai will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of the school:**
- Survey staff and parents regarding effectiveness of programs;
 - Hold staff and parent meetings for discussion;
 - Formulate a revised plan for the following year based on information gathered from surveys and meetings;
 - The Leadership Team will be responsible for these activities. The leadership team consists of an equal number of parents and teachers.
- 6. Yavapai will provide assistance to parents of children in understanding topics such as, but not limited to the following, by undertaking the actions listed;**

Topics

- State's academic standards
- State's student academic standards
- State and local assessments including alternate assessments
- Title 1 requirements
- How to monitor their child's progress
- How to work with educators
- How to have a successful parent-teacher conference
- How to help their child at home

Actions (listed but not limited to)

- Parenting classes
- English as a Second Language Classes
- Opportunities to be on campus as a volunteer
- Continual and appropriate communication between teacher-parent, administration-parent, parent-parent
- Meetings regarding assessments
- Title 1 Annual Meeting
- Written communication on topics via Thunderbird Flyer, a biweekly publication of school information, events and topics of interest
- Excellent customer experiences
- Translators for all meetings
- All information provided to parents in Spanish and English and other languages as needed
- Providing information, materials and training for parents in language of understanding

All of the above activities will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community, to improve student academic achievement.