

**Be SAFE    Be RESPECTFUL    Be RESPONSIBLE    Be a READER**  
**Overland Elementary Parental Involvement Policy**  
**2017-2018**

A goal of the Overland Elementary School is to encourage greater involvement of parents in the education of their children and to form a partnership to provide a learning and teaching environment where all students will be successful. We at Overland are here to learn, be safe, and succeed in all areas. Everyone gains if the school and parents work together to promote high achievement by our children.

1. In the fall, a meeting will be scheduled to explain the Schoolwide Program at Overland School and to answer any questions parents may have. We will provide assistance to parents in understanding standards, assessments, and progress monitoring and how to work with teachers. Parents are welcome to contact teachers for individual consultations as well. Information about the program will also be provided to parents through a school newsletter. Teachers, the parents, and each student will sign a Parent/Teacher/Student Compact, which is developed with parent input. The compact describes how each person can help the child be successful.
2. We schedule monthly meetings for parents to provide them with opportunities to help all of us meet the purpose and direction of the school.
3. A parent survey will be distributed in the fall to determine the best days, times, and desired topics for family involvement. Teachers will initiate parent involvement activities after school, in the evening, and during the day each year. Our goal is to provide a variety of times in order for all parents to participate.
4. Teachers will provide information about student progress during the normally scheduled conference days for Sweetwater School District #1. Parents will be encouraged to visit intervention classes anytime during the school year.
5. Parents will be asked to take part in the school improvement process by approving the school improvement goals and taking part in the annual review. Parents will be provided with information regarding the curriculum and assessments at parent meetings and on the school website. Parents will be asked to serve on the North Central Accreditation team, the Overland Parent Advisory Committee as well as a District Title I Parent Advisory Committee. The duty of the district committee will be to revise the District Title I Parent Involvement policy. Members will be asked to serve on the panel and write the District Consolidated Grant Plan for federal grants. These committees will insure ongoing parental input toward achieving program objectives and developing a feeling of partnership.
6. Communication with parents will consist of quarterly progress reports with proficiency levels students are expected to meet, notices, The Home School Connections newsletters, other mailings, phone calls, e-mails, and conferences. In addition, parents are always invited to visit Overland classes.
7. Provisions will be made for parents needing assistance with literacy skills or where the native language is not English (i.e. translations of printed material or provisions for providing translations).
8. In order to increase family reading time at home, Overland will continue with its reading program. Children in grades K-4 are able to check out appropriate grade level books to read and share with their family.
9. Title I funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities.

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