

Desert View Elementary Parental Involvement Policy 2017-2018

One goal of Desert View Elementary School is to encourage greater involvement of parents in the education of their children, and to form a partnership to provide a learning environment where all students will be successful. Researchers have proven that “when schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.” (Henderson and Mapp). What follows is our plan for involving parents in the success of their children and our school.

1. This fall our annual Title 1 meeting was combined with our technology night. The purpose is to provide parents the opportunity to learn about the school goals and objectives of the Schoolwide Title 1 Program at Desert View School and to ask any questions they may have. Information about the curriculum forms of academic assessment and expected proficiency levels will also be presented at this annual meeting.
2. Teachers, the parents, and each student will sign our Three-Way Pledge, a compact that is reviewed and revised with parent input. at one of the Parent Advisory Meetings. The compact enlists each person to support the mission of Desert View School. Teachers will review the compact with students during the winter assessment window and parents will receive a written reminder of their commitment as well. The pledge will be posted in the cafeteria, school entrance and the teacher’s lounge.
3. At conferences an online school climate survey will be conducted according to state requirements or as directed by school advisory committee to determine how our school is perceived and areas of concern that need to be addressed. Information will be gathered at the end of the year to determine what topics are deemed most beneficial to Desert View families.
4. Grade level PLC (Professional Learning Committee) will initiate parent involvement activities to be held during the day, after school, and in the evening to help strengthen support for academics and build a stronger sense of community. Our goal is to provide a variety of times in order for all parents to participate.
4. Classroom teachers and Interventionists will provide information about student progress during the normally scheduled conference days for Sweetwater School District #1. During both fall and spring conferences, parents will receive assistance in understanding the State’s academic standards, local assessments, and how to monitor their child’s progress. Parents will be notified if their child is receiving intensive intervention and will be encouraged to volunteer throughout the school at any time.

5. Parents will be invited to take part in the Desert View Parent Advisory Committee. The primary duties of this committee will be the planning, review, and improvement of our Parent Involvement Policy, the Home-School Compact, Desert View's Schoolwide Title 1 Plan, and our School Improvement Plan. This committee will meet on a semi-annual basis to review and revise each of these documents or policies, and to advise on other issues as they arise.

6. Desert View parents will also be invited to participate in a District Title I Parent Advisory Committee. The duty of the district committee will be to revise the District Title I Parent Involvement policy. Similarly, members will be asked to serve on the panel to provide suggestions for 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.

7. Several communication options will be employed, including The notices and newsletters, other mailings, Power School, School Way, phone calls, e-mails, surveys, Parent/Teacher conferences, and any other meetings parents feel would be appropriate for input and decisions about their children's education. In addition, parents are always invited to visit classes.

8. Provisions will be made for parents needing assistance with understanding documents or where the native language is not English (i.e. translations of printed material or provisions for providing translations). Title 1 funds may be used to pay for reasonable expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation to the meetings, childcare, or home visits in order to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.

9. Desert View Title 1 Program will provide families with materials and training (including the use of technology) to assist parents as they endeavor to support their children's achievement.

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