

## **Northbrook Elementary School Parental Involvement Policy**

Northbrook Elementary school believes that the education of students should involve collaboration of the total school community. The comprehensive involvement of all parents contributes positively to this school community and to the success of their own children. A program of parental involvement activities shall be ongoing, have a school/parent/student compact, and shall be reviewed at least annually by parents to ensure their involvement in the planning and implementation of the program at Northbrook Elementary School.

We are dedicated to providing quality education for every student. Our goal is to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Each student will benefit from supportive, active involvement when the school, home and community work together to promote high achievement for our students.

Our school receives funding from the federal government for special programs and services under “Title I” that is part of the Title I, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Title I services are for eligible students who need extra academic help, regardless of their economic background. In EM-S ISD we combine the Title I funds with other federal, state, and local money to upgrade the entire program of our school to help us better meet all students’ academic needs.

In order to provide an effective home- school- community partnership, Northbrook Elementary will provide the following:

- Annual orientation meetings where parents and students can meet their teacher, review the parent involvement policy, the school/parent/ student compact, curriculum, grade level expectations, state and district assessments, and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved with their child’s education.
- Presentation of Orientation Agenda will be available on the school’s website for parents and students who were unable to attend the orientation meeting.
- A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding academic content and achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments, will be offered.
  - Literacy Nights
  - Math Night
  - Love and Logic Parenting Classes in English and Spanish
  - Open House
  - Parent Education component added to Student Performances 3-5 STAAR Education, K-2 Thinking Maps
- Scheduled parent conferences where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, curriculum, test information, attendance, school/parent/ student compact and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have. These will be mandatory and conducted annually. Conferences may also be scheduled as needed by the teacher or parent.
- A school /parent /student compact designed by parents and school staff will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving learning, and will be reviewed annually.

- The school counselor will assist parents/families with any situational need including counseling, medical or monetary resources.
- Continuous communication to assist the parents in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through news and notes, report cards, emails, phone calls, family access, home visits, and texting.
  - Parents/families will be encouraged to complete the application for free/reduced lunch in order to meet the needs of all students.
  - Parents/families will be informed of the free summer lunch and breakfast program.
  - The school will gather email addresses for parent communication at the beginning of the school year.
- Parents are provided with timely information about meetings, conferences, and school events in a language that is understandable to parents/families by:
  - School Messenger System
  - Website
  - Notes
  - Newsletters
  - Email
- A survey will be given annually to all parents to collect opinions and concerns about current programs or suggestions for improvement.
- PTA will strive to raise money for student needs and provide additional opportunities to build community, such as the following:
  - Science Night at the Museum
  - Scholarships for Camp Jolt
  - Father/Daughter Dance
  - Mother/Son Kick Ball
  - Carnival
  - Playground cover for Shade
- The school will follow district guidelines for submitting comments in regards to a parent/family who is dissatisfied with the program offered for their child(ren).

**The Parent Involvement Policy was developed jointly with the school and parents based on needs and will be reviewed annually and published on the school's and district's website. The latest revision was on September 17, 2012.**