



## **Sawmills Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

***“Together... We Make A Difference”***

Our goal is for each child to have a successful learning experience. For this to happen, it is important that the school staff, the community and families work together.

In order to build a strong partnership between home and school, we will provide the following:

- An annual Open House where parents will meet teachers, learn about the Title 1 program requirements, and be given opportunities to become involved in their child’s education.
- Additional meetings throughout the year to provide assistance to parents in understanding the State’s academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child’s progress in order to improve student achievement. Particular topics and needs from parents will be addressed through timely meetings.
- Parent Nights with materials and specific training to help parents work with their children.
- Meetings scheduled at different times during the day to better accommodate parents’ schedules.
- At least one scheduled parent conference where the progress of the student will be discussed and explained, as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, academic assessment, state’s academic content and achievement standards, and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
- Grade level/Teacher newsletters and weekly notes when applicable, informing the parents of activities and programs along with the outside school sign providing advanced notice of upcoming events.
- Blackboard Connect calling system as well as other means of communication including but not limited to, texts, Talking Points, Remind 101, Class Dojo, Class Tag, etc. will notify parents of important events at school
- A School-Parent Accountability Pledge to outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improvement in learning.
- A minimum of two meetings during the school year where parents will have an opportunity to help review, plan for and make suggestions to improve the Title 1 program, as well as the Parent Involvement Policy, and the School-Parent Accountability Pledge.
- A survey for all parents to express opinions about the current Title 1 program as well as to list ideas and suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings to meet the needs of the parents in April.

Parents and community leaders are always welcome at Sawmills School. Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in an understandable format and language.