

Glendale Unified School District

PARENT and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

(GUSD Board Policy 6020)

The Glendale Unified School District Board of Education recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work with staff and parents/guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in district and school activities; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the District's parent involvement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians and school staff on the adequacy of parent involvement opportunities and barriers that may inhibit parent/guardian participation.

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VALLEY VIEW PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parent Involvement Statement:

Valley View staff greatly appreciates all of your enthusiastic involvement in your children's education. Parent support makes a difference in student success. Parent involvement research demonstrates that when schools create parent partnerships, student learning is better supported, and higher student achievement is attained. Students whose parents are part of their school-life earn better grades and higher test scores, attend school more regularly, exhibit better social skills, and adapt better to school. Parent participation, such as actively monitoring a child's time, helping with homework, and discussing school matters, creates students who are more likely to go on to postsecondary education—even to better schools! Moreover, a child-parent bond that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, education level, or cultural background.

Visitors and Volunteers:

* Valley View will follow current District guidelines, which may change at any time. Please contact the school office for the most current guidelines.

Parents are always welcome to visit their child's classroom after contacting the teacher, who can arrange a time that will be most meaningful to the parent and teacher.

- Arrangements must be made at least one day in advance.
- Visits are limited to 20 minutes.
- Visitors shall not interfere with the operation of the school or the instructional program (Board Policy 1250).
- Parents may not 'drop in' to the classroom to observe.

- If a conference is needed with a teacher, an appointment request should be made with the teacher.
- The office cannot make appointments for the teachers.

All visitors and volunteers are required to sign in and out of the office using the Raptor system.

- A valid state ID must be entered into the system before the first visit.
- Visitors and volunteers will be given a visitor's pass, which is to be clearly displayed on the adult while on campus.
- Visitors failing to register are in violation of state law, which may result in fine or imprisonment. Signs informing visitors of these regulations are posted at all entrances to each school campus.
- Loitering on or about any school campus or work site in the District by employees not assigned to that area, or by members of the public, is strictly prohibited.

Younger Siblings:

District policy has always been that younger siblings may not accompany parent volunteers during school hours when the parent is scheduled to volunteer, nor should they be brought to any scheduled conferences or meetings with school staff including Parent/Teacher conferences, Student Study Team (SST) meetings, or Individualized Educational Program (IEP) meetings. Younger siblings are not allowed to go on the field trips with a volunteer parent as well. Please make arrangements for their care outside the school. Children (students or siblings) are not permitted in any workroom at any time for numerous safety reasons and requirements of the California department of Occupational Safety and Health, better known as Cal/OSHA. Please do not bring any child through the back office door at any time. We truly appreciate parent help and want parents to know that there are numerous ways to assist the Valley View campus through PTA and Foundation activities before or after school hours if families have younger children who are under parent/guardian care.

Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions:

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) is an approach to teaching and supporting positive behaviors and meeting the needs of ALL students. This school-wide approach to discipline focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn. The foundation of PBIS at Valley View is our four school-wide expectations: S- Show Self-Control O- Offer Kindness A- Act Responsibly R- Respect Others. Students are explicitly taught what these expectations are and understand ways in which their positive behavior choices reflect one or more of these expectations across all areas of campus. Staff at Valley View value and recognize students' positive behaviors with "SOAR Slips"- raffle tickets that students can enter into a drawing at the end of each month.

Award Assembly Etiquette Reminders for Parents:

Valley View parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend our Monthly Award Assemblies. It is wonderful for students to be recognized for their accomplishments in front of their teachers, staff, peers, and especially with their parents in attendance. In order to provide a positive environment for students' recognition, we request that parents respect the following:

- Please turn all cell phones on vibrate. If a parent must speak to someone on their cell, please move outside and away from the audience. Speak quietly and briefly so as not to disrupt the presentation.

- Please keep conversations with other adults to a minimum while waiting for the presentation/assembly to begin.
- Respect student groups who are performing or receiving recognition, by not talking through the presentation.
- If parents have a younger child attending the assembly, make sure they quietly remain with their parent at all times and keep younger children away from all school equipment to ensure their safety and to avoid disruption of the program.
- Remain in the perimeter areas so a student's view is not obstructed. When classes arrive at their assigned location, parents are asked to move out of the way so as not to hinder the procedures students have been asked to follow. The center aisle in the auditorium or on the field must remain clear.
- Photos of your child may be taken upon the completion of the assembly, so that the assembly can run smoothly and efficiently.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BECOME INVOLVED!

Valley View has a proud tradition of strong parent support and involvement. Parents are encouraged to participate and serve on our various committees.

School Site Council (SSC) / English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

Valley View has a School Site Council and an English Language Advisory Committee. These important groups of parents and staff members meet at least four times a year to annually review and update the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) including the proposed expenditure of funds allocated to the school. The SSC must approve the plan, the ELAC must review the plan and give recommendations to the SSC. Then, recommend it to the local governing board for approval, monitor its implementation, and evaluate the effectiveness of the planned activities at least annually. SSC members also review and update the Home School Compact, the Parent Involvement Policy, and the School Safety Plan. Reclassification of English Learners is also discussed, and EL student achievement data is reviewed.

PTA

The Valley View Parent Teacher Association is responsible for planning many events at our school such as the Harvest Carnival, Yearbook, Staff Appreciation Week, Howdy Coffee, Book Fair, Reading Night, One School-One Book, Red Ribbon Week, Founders' Day Evening, Reflections and Art Show, Canned Food Drive, Book and Toy Drive, and various Assemblies and Family Night events. Our students greatly benefit and enjoy these programs and events that make Valley View a special school. Parents are encouraged to serve on the PTA Executive Board or as event chair members.

Education Foundation:

The Valley View Education Foundation (VVEF) is a vital component to our many successes by raising essential funding necessary to provide the rich educational experience our parents expect and our students deserve. With decreased school funding by the state and district, the Foundation helps to ensure Valley View continues soaring to success! By contributing to the Foundation, parents help fund many enriching programs: Instrumental Music, Meet the Masters Art, Field Trip buses, Primary PE, and Assemblies. It also provides instructional technology to support student learning by providing funds

teachers may use for innovative programs and learning. Consider serving as a Foundation Board member. Valley View Education Foundation welcomes creative ideas to make our school a “richer” place.

Complaints/Concerns:

All complaints or concerns involving your student need to begin with the classroom teacher. Any communication received in the office regarding an incident that occurred in the classroom, on the playground, or about the student’s program will be directed to the classroom teacher first. Only after a conference with the teacher, a parent may request a conference with the Principal.