

Mt. Pleasant Middle School of the Visual & Performing Arts

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Our school shall:

Involve families in the joint development and review of plans for improvement of schools by:

Annually convening a committee to assess the family involvement program, the Learning Compact and the Parent Involvement Policy

Conducting ongoing evaluations of the content and effectiveness of policies to increase participation of parents through:

- An annual needs assessment
- Distribution of evaluations at all workshops and presentations
- Ongoing communications with parents, school faculty and administration
- Reconvening of the Parent/School Planning committee

Build the capacity for strong family involvement by:

Providing

- Ongoing professional development and training workshops
- Materials designed to strengthen the parent and school connection
- Analyzing distributed communications to ensure, to the extent possible, that information sent home is in a language and form that parents can understand

Identifying and addressing barriers to greater participation giving particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, ELL, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background through:

- Discussions with families to determine ways to meet individual needs
- An annual needs assessment
- Coordination/collaboration with ELL teachers

Publicizing information regarding the National Education Goals, State Content and Performance Standards, state and local assessments.

Conducting other activities, as appropriate and feasible, that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their children through:

- A system-wide "Family Fun" night and/or STEAM Nights
- Special events at Title I schools for students and parents
- Special luncheons during the school day, etc.

Promote shared responsibility for high student performance by:

Developing School Learning Compacts that outline how parents, school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student achievement. This will be accomplished through the annual review process.

Providing the support necessary for parents to build and develop a partnership with schools to help children achieve the state's high standards by:

- Providing professional development
- Providing family workshops
- Providing information to parents about strategies, techniques, and materials to use with their child

Coordinating and supporting parent and community participation to improve student achievement by:

- Providing easy access to teachers and materials
- Providing at-home activities for parents to participate in the shared responsibility for learning
- Conducting "Parent Days"

Coordinating and integrating family involvement strategies with other federally funded programs by:

- Promoting attendance at conferences and workshops through various federal programs
- Coordinating workshops that address areas such as Title I, Family Involvement, Safe and Drug Free Schools, and other federally funded programs

Involve parents in decisions regarding federal funding allocations by:

Involving parents in determining how federal funds reserved for family involvement will be allocated for parent involvement activities through:

- Annual Family Orientation meetings
- Distribution of surveys and evaluations to parents
- Annual convening of parent/school planning team