

Parent Involvement Policy

Purpose: To promote an effective partnership between and Spencer County Middle School staff, students, parents, and other family members.

Definition: An effective partnership is defined in this policy as any activity that recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family. An effective partnership increases student achievement and helps students develop positive attitude about self and school.

Procedures: Spencer County Middle School will:

1. Hold an annual parent meeting early in each school year to inform parents of the rights and responsibilities under the No Child Left behind Act (NCLB).
2. Include parents and families as leaders and decision-makers in school issues and programs by inviting them to participate in Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council, SBDM Committees, PTA, Surveys, Volunteer Programs and other activities.
3. Promote two-way communication between school and families by using report cards, parent-teacher conferences, agendas/planners, Wednesday Folders and newsletters.
4. Provide services through the Youth Service Center; such as, home visits, collaborative programs, parent meetings, Adult Education and Family Literacy to assist parents, families, and guardians in developing knowledge and skills to support children's learning.
5. Utilize the Youth Service Center, Adult Education and Family Literacy to provide access to and coordinate community and support services for children and families.
6. Identify and reduce barriers to parent/family involvement through surveys, seminars, translation of materials for ESL families, collaboration among programs and blending of funds to maximize resources.
7. Provide professional development for teachers, staff and parents on ways to work together effectively.
8. Include a written copy of this plan, along with a copy of the home school compact, in the agenda/planner to be distributed early in each school year.
9. Post a copy of this plan in the school's office.

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