

Spencer County Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy

Spencer County Elementary School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family. Parents and schools working as partners increase student achievement and help students develop positive attitudes about self and school. Therefore, administrators, teachers and other staff at SCES will support the development of effective partnerships. Specifically Spencer County Elementary will:

1. Include parents and families as leaders and decision-makers in school issues and programs by inviting them to participate in School Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council, SBDM Committees, PTA, Parent Focus Meetings, Surveys, Volunteer Programs and other activities;
2. Promote two-way communication between school and families by using report cards, parent-teacher conferences, learning compacts, monthly class newsletters, and celebrations of learning (at least two per year).
3. Provide services through the Family Resource Center, Collaborative Programs Parent Meetings, and Lifelong Learning Center to assist parents, families and guardians in developing knowledge and skills to support children's learning;
4. Utilize the Family Resource Center and Adult Education Program to provide access to and coordinate community and support services for children and families;
5. 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;
6. Provide professional development for teachers, staff and parents on ways to work together effectively;
7. Include a written copy of this plan, along with a copy of the home-school compact, in the student handbook to be distributed early in each school year;
8. Post a copy of this plan in central office and on the SBDM bulletin board outside the school office.

**1st Reading June 9, 2004 2nd Reading and Adoption July 15, 2004
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