

Gideon School District #37

Parent Involvement Plan

The Gideon School District will utilize the Advisory Council consisting of parents, administrators and teachers who serve on the district-wide school advisory committee. This council is advisory in nature and focus on issues related to Title I issues and planning. The council shall meet a minimum of at least two times annually. The district and schools recognize the essential role of parental involvement in the process of planning and providing input and insight to provide the best possible services and programs. Therefore, the district/school will arrange meetings to provide opportunities for parents to become involved in the design and implementation of the school-wide program. The following strategies will be utilized to promote communication between the home and school:

- An introductory meeting will be held shortly after the start of each school year in order to explain the Title I school wide program and requirements of state and federal educational policies and curriculum offerings.
- Timely information about program and meetings will be provided in order for the parents and migrant parents may have an opportunity to participate and offer suggestions in a more effective manner.
- Teachers will be available to meet with parents throughout the year to discuss student progress and offer suggestions to parents for encouraging and assisting their children at home.
- Information will be provided throughout the year to encourage, assist, and train parents in ways to help children at home.
- In the fall, parents will be invited to attend an Open House, where teachers will be available to discuss students programs. Information on student activities as well as strategies and/or ideas for parents and migrant parents on how they assist in improving their child's learning will be included. Parents will share with the teacher the strengths and weaknesses of their child/children.
- Evaluation of the Parent Involvement Policy will be ongoing. An open discussion will be included in the second Advisory Council meeting to review and revise the plan.
- A Parent/Teacher Conference will held in the fall each year. All teachers will discuss with parents the strengths and weaknesses of each child and planned instructional program objectives to address the needs. Parents will

work in the concert with the teacher to provide essential information concerning areas of strengths and weaknesses they observe at home, providing critical information to ensure the instructional program is meeting the identified needs.

- Parents will be provided continuous positive encouragement and feedback from school personnel. All communication with parents, written and face-to-face, will support the philosophy of the critical role parents play in their child's education and every opportunity to express this belief will be communicated in a positive manner.
- Teachers will make every effort to ensure parents understand they are an integral part of the education of their children and will display this belief through actively working and communicating with the child and their parents on a regular basis.

The Gideon School District will promote parental involvement and participation in promoting the social, emotional, and academic growth of all children. Recognition programs will honor and display student accomplishments in academics and collaboration on student/parent accomplishments. Recognition will be given to parents who make an outstanding effort to monitor, volunteer and participate in their child's education.

Parent/School Compact

The process for developing the parent/school compact involves meetings with teachers, parents, and school administrators working together on the development of the compact. The purpose of the compact is to encourage a partnership between the school, parents and students. Each child's individual assessment results will be sent home annually. Meetings to explain assessment results to parents will be provided as needed.