

# Parent Involvement Policy

In acknowledgement of much reliable research proving that parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, Washington Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through an active Parent Club, Site Council, Mentoring and Volunteer programs. Parents are encouraged to assist in such activities as: the school carnival, family reading night, science night, and the pool fun day. Parents are solicited to assist children in classrooms on a continuous basis. A school/home calendar that includes activities of all of the school's leadership groups will be produced annually. The calendar will include at least one family activity per school quarter.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Washington Elementary will provide the following:

1. An annual orientation meeting where parents will meet their child's teacher be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education.
2. A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local assessments. Meetings will focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
4. A minimum of two scheduled parent conferences, where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.
5. Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through school and class newsletters, school report card, Washington Parent-Student Handbook, handouts, mailings and student achievement reports. Newsletters will include parenting tips and suggestions. All

invitations will be sent in a timely manner with an additional follow-up reminder.

6. A school-parent compact that outlines how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improving learning.
7. Every year, a survey for all parents shall be conducted by Washington Elementary School with assistance from the Pendleton School District. The survey will collect opinions and concerns of parents about the current program and suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings that meet the needs of the parents.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community members are always to be made welcome at Washington Elementary School.