

Rhoads Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Rhoads Elementary School believes that it is important for families and schools to work together to help students achieve academic growth. We invite parents to participate in a variety of school activities and family nights, including parent conferences and grade level orientation nights. In addition, a variety of volunteering opportunities are available to our families.

Rhoads Elementary School strives to provide students and their families with the tools necessary to become lifelong learners. Selected students are provided additional assistance in order to reach this goal. Parent, student, and staff responsibilities are outlined in our parent-school compact, which is distributed to families in the fall and designed to encourage student success in school and in life.

Parents will be informed regularly about their child's school performance and school curriculum through progress reports, report cards, student take home folders, telephone calls, and/or email. Parents will be encouraged to use the district parental website to access grades and information. In addition, parent meetings, newsletters, and parent conferences will be provided to inform and educate parents on issues important to their child. Every effort will be made to meet at a time and place convenient for both families and school personnel.

Rhoads Elementary School is comprised of a unique and diverse student population. The faculty and staff strive to provide for the needs of individual students and student populations through innovative programs. All families are invited to contact the school or their child's teacher when necessary.

A Campus Team (CAT) consisting of parents, teachers, community members, and campus administrators will meet periodically to revise and evaluate the parent and family engagement policy and the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). The team will receive input from parents and parent organizations such as the PTA and will evaluate the effectiveness of the CIP. The team will communicate findings with families and will work cooperatively to support the need for any policy changes.

Campus improvement funds will be set aside to increase parental involvement. The CAT council will accept recommendations for the allocation of funds. Funding will generally be allocated for staff, materials, and resources that will assist families in the education of all children.

Rhoads Elementary School is dedicated to working as a team to educate all learners to succeed in our school and in our changing world. Together with partnership with parents and the community, we strive to develop the full potential of all our students by embracing their unique individuality, by actively seeking support from our families, and by evaluating and revising our plan to meet the needs of our diverse population. This policy will be promoted by administrators, school staff, and families.