



# SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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## Parent Involvement Policy

*Sun Valley Elementary School understands the importance of involving parents and the community in promoting higher student achievement. Therefore, Sun Valley Elementary shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. The school's school-parent compact is incorporated into the School Parental Involvement Policy.*

### **Purpose**

Sun Valley and SWISD intends to include parents in all aspects of the Title 1 program. Students will be given every opportunity for success through the development and enhancement of the home/school partnership.

### **Annual Meeting for Title I Parents**

Parents, members of the community, and school staff will meet annually to discuss the design and implementation of the Parent Involvement policy.

We will convene an annual meeting during our Open House. We will describe our Title I program and requirements, and provide parents with a copy of the Sun Valley Elementary Parental Involvement Policy. We will also discuss parent rights and how they may be involved in the program. Classroom teachers will also meet with parents during Open House. The teachers will describe our school curriculum and provide parents with grade level learning objectives and goals to all parents at the beginning of the school year. All students will be expected to work toward mastering these objectives. Sun Valley recognizes the fact that some students will need extra assistance to achieve their full potential. The extra assistance is available to all students through the Title 1 program and various other educational services offered through the district.

### **SCHOOL PARENT COMPACTS**

In accordance with title 1 regulations each school must develop a parent-student compact with the parents of students participating in the program. This compact will enable the school and parents to share responsibility for student performance and success.

The compact explains how students, parents, and staff will share responsibility for promoting student achievement, performance and success. All parents will be given a copy of the compact detailing responsibilities that parents, teachers and students have in helping students accomplish their goals.

Parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their child and sign and return the compact to school.

### **TYPES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

There are many ways in which parents can become involved with their children's education at home or in the classroom. Classroom teachers send home weekly newsletters that include information on the skills students will learn, the homework assignments students will complete and special classroom activities. We encourage parents to review the newsletter and homework folders daily and help their children establish regular homework routines and reading time. We also encourage parents to volunteer (after approval of district's Volunteer Application) in their child's classroom on a regular basis or during special events such as field trips, field day, fundraisers, and PTA. Parents learn about these opportunities on the school's monthly newsletter and the grade level's weekly newsletter.

The plan includes content specific family nights in order to facilitate parent involvement in helping their children reach proficiency in reading, math, and science.

### **STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION**

Parents will be welcomed through various avenues of communication throughout the year. To include: monthly campus newsletters, calendars on webpage, parent conferences, student led conferences, personal contracts, event flyers, remind 101 text messages, and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication.

### **EVALUATION**

Parents are invited to participate in our Sun Valley Elementary Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). The Campus Improvement Team will review our school data, evaluate school progress, and identify annual school improvement goals. Parent input and participation is part to the program evaluation.