

Forman Elementary School Title I Parent Involvement

Forman Elementary Mission Statement:

Forman is a school family where we work together so that every child is successful.

General Expectations:

Forman believes that student academic achievement requires the following;

- An understanding of curriculum;
- Grade level standards;
- Assessments;
- District/school policies and procedures.

Forman partners with district staff, families, and the community to strengthen student growth. Forman is committed to providing assistance to at-risk students. It agrees to implement the following requirements:

- With the help of parents, provide programs, activities and encourage the involvement of parents in all schools with Title I, Part A programs
- Work with schools to make sure the required school-level parent involvement policies meet federal requirements, including a school-parent compact.
- Forman will provide opportunities for participation of parents with limited English ability; economic disadvantages; disabilities; limited literacy skills; any racial or ethnic background, or are migratory families.
- Information and school reports are provided in an understandable layout and, when practical, in a language parents understand.

Implementation of School Parent Involvement Components:

Forman Elementary School shall work in partnership with parents and guardians and shall actively support the schools and parents to increase parent involvement by:

- Respecting parents as **partners** in the education of their children.

Parents are included in *policy decisions* and the development, evaluation, and review of the school parent involvement policy and Title I Program. Grade level goals and the state testing schedule are provided to parents. Students needing extra assistance are invited to participate in programs that support academic success.

- Encouraging a **welcoming** and **supportive environment** for parents.

Forman has a full-time *parent liaison* to increase parent communication and build relationships and partnerships with parents and community members. Forman has at least one *counselor* who supports both student and family needs. *Office staffs* are expected to be welcoming and sensitive to the needs of all parents. Beginning and ending year *surveys* are available for campus and district use to identify needs and monitor progress of program goals.

- Coordinating efforts and technical assistance to meet the **needs of parents** through various campus programs. Examples include after school tutorials, Community Outreach program (mobile computer classroom for parents); campus level parenting programs, adult ESL and literacy programs, etc.

- Valuing the need for **partnerships** between Forman and the **community**. Forman actively seeks resources to support academic and parent programs at our campus and our Community Outreach Program.

- Establishing and promoting **two-way communication** as a source of trust and understanding between the school and parents. This is accomplished through parent-teacher meetings, parent-principal meetings, e-mail, campus/grade level/classroom newsletters, campus and district web pages, phone calls, parent meetings, etc. Information and school reports are provided in an understandable layout, and when practical, in a language parents understand.

Parents/Guardians are asked and encouraged to be involved in their children's learning and education by:

- Participating in **training opportunities** including strategies to reinforce learning at home, discipline, and understanding cultural differences. Love & Logic training, parenting classes, ESL classes for adults, math/reading/science family nights, computer literacy help to empower parents, and improve student academic achievement.

- Participating in site-based **leadership** and **decision-making** through the District Parent Involvement Federal Programs Committee, PTA and campus Site Based Improvement Committee.

- **Volunteering** in their children's schools through mentoring programs, field trips, classroom support, etc.

- Supporting **partnerships** within the community through participation in programs such as local area restaurant fund raising, faith based organizations, student banking, business partnerships, Plano Police Department, etc.