

Rasor Elementary School Plano ISD Title I Campus Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2019-2020

Rasor Elementary Mission Statement: Rasor Elementary, with the community, will provide a safe, caring place for children to learn and reach their dreams.

Rasor Elementary Vision: The vision of Rasor Elementary is to inspire our students to be lifelong learners and empower them to meet the challenges of the future, adapt to change, and exercise critical judgment, becoming global citizens capable of utilizing tomorrow's resources and technology responsibly.

General Expectations: Here at Rasor, we know that our mission is to bring about the best in our students, and we do that with strong school/community partnerships. We take every opportunity to communicate with parents and involve them in decisions about their children.

Implementation of School Parent Involvement Components:

In order to involve parents at our campus, we at Rasor plan programs and activities during and after school hours, such as grade level fine arts performances, Literacy and STEAM night activities, invitations to judge activities such as Science Fair and History Fair, and the Spring Open House. Parents are always welcome (except during state testing days) to eat lunch with their children here at school. Our Parent Liaison partners with the Watch Dog program to bring male role models into our school to assist in classrooms.

Our Family-School Compact states expectations that support the school, parents, and students working together for the success of all children in specific ways that ensure that communication is clear, frequent, positive, and purposeful. We note this compact on our school website, and teachers go over it with parents at fall conferences, as well.

Our ESL department plans an evening meeting to inform parents of ELLs about the program here and offer supplemental assistance and materials for student success. Our Parent Liaison offers computer training for interested parents in order to help them be more able to access school information. Parenting classes are also offered through the Parent Liaison office. When needed, our school locates interpreters so that parents with different languages can participate fully in meetings about their children's progress.

Rasor has an active PTA, which supports our school with needs such as funds for field trips. In addition, parents are active participants on our SBIC, which works to create and monitor our yearly action plan for school improvement. We have sponsoring churches, Life Point and Chase Oaks Church, which also serves as resources to connect teachers and students with classroom volunteers and student mentors.

At the beginning of the year, parents are welcomed to the school for a "Sneak Peek" during which they can meet their children's teachers and view the classrooms and school common areas. During the first weeks of the school year, each grade level presents their goals and expectations to parents at grade-specific evening meetings. Teachers schedule conferences with each parent during the first quarter, and after assessment periods, teachers at Rasor notify parents when their children need extra assistance and how they will provide that help. Each grade level maintains a website and weekly newsletter or email. In some classes, the FERPA-approved Class Dojo platform has provided frequent positive communication between parents and teachers, enabling quick communication and reports of classroom happenings. As an AVID school, our teachers also utilize daily planners for ensuring day-to-day communication with parents.

Through all of these efforts, Rasor attempts to ensure that our partnership with parents is strong, positive, frequent, and effective, so that our students will achieve success.