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Chandler Park Academy District

Parent Involvement Plan

Purpose

Chandler Park Academy is dedicated to providing quality education for every student in our district. To accomplish this objective, the district will develop and maintain partnerships with parents/guardians, patrons and community members of Chandler Park Academy. By establishing and maintaining open lines of communication, we will expand and enhance learning opportunities for every child.

Grade level learning objectives and goals are available at each building. All students will be expected to work toward mastering these objectives. Extra assistance for students is available through Title I and other educational programs and services.

What is Parental Involvement?

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities ensuring that parents:

- a. play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- b. are encouraged to be actively involved in their children's education
- c. are full partners in their children's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their children

Parent Involvement in Developing Policy

The School Improvement Team (SIT) at each building is comprised of parents, members of the community, and educators. This committee will discuss the design and implementation of the Parent Involvement Policy. Each building welcomes volunteers and parent participation from a diverse parent population.

Annual Meeting for Title I

Each school building will hold an annual meeting for parents in the fall to provide information about the Title I Program and the Parent Involvement Policy. All parents will be provided a copy of the Parent Involvement Policy, a Home/School Compact, and a parent involvement survey. Additionally, information presented at the annual meeting will be posted on the school webpage. Parents will be encouraged to visit the school to gain information, actively volunteer in the life of the school, and attend other meetings and events. The schools welcome parent ideas and suggestions.

Home/School Compacts

In accordance with Title I regulations, Chandler Park Academy has developed and will annually update a Home/School Compact. The compact outlines how parents, staff and students share responsibility for promoting high student achievement. The compact is designed so that both the student and his/her parent/guardian can sign the document. Teachers will review this

compact with parents/guardians at their annual conference.

Building Capacity for Parent Involvement

Chandler Park Academy will build the capacity for strong parental involvement by providing assistance to parents in understanding such topics as:

- Michigan Department of Education Curriculum Framework
- The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics (additional subjects will be added upon adoption)
- Michigan Department of Education academic assessments (MEAP and MME)
- Alternate local assessments
- The requirements of Title I Part A
- How to monitor their child's progress
- How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

Chandler Park Academy will foster parental involvement by providing materials and training such as literacy and technology training, as appropriate, to help parents to

improve their children's academic achievement. Chandler Park Academy will educate teachers, staff, and principals on the value and utility of the contributions of parents. Ideas for reaching out to and communicating with parents as equal partners will be explored.

Chandler Park Academy will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs that teach parents how to help their children at home. The school will provide resources that encourage and support parents in fully participating in the education of their child.

Chandler Park Academy will ensure that information related to school and parent programs is provided in a format and language that is understandable to all parents/guardians.

Accessibility to Parent Involvement Opportunities

Chandler Park Academy shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents of children with limited English proficiency and parents of children with disabilities. Information and reports will be provided in a format, to the extent practical, in a language that parents can understand.

Shared Responsibility for High Student Achievement

Chandler Park Academy will provide a high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet Michigan academic standards.

- Curriculum alignment
 - Monthly team meetings to plan instructional strategies
 - Student progress monitoring
 - Technological support of student achievement through Northwest Evaluation Association, Study Island, Data Director, Learning A-Z, laptops, iPads, portable and stationary computer labs, and on-line learning.
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- Chandler Park Academy will hold annual parent/teacher conferences:
- Staff will be available daily for parent conferencing
- Staff will schedule face to face meetings with the parents of each student, at least annually.
 - Staff will discuss the roles and responsibilities of students, teachers, and parents as addressed in the Home/School Compact when conferencing with parents.
 - Teachers will regularly communicate by newsletter, email, progress reports, report cards, notes home, phone calls, and Edline, a web-based communication platform that supports learning communities.

Chandler Park Academy will provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress.

Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

- Progress Reports at 6 week intervals
- Report Cards every 6-12 weeks
- Parent Portal Access to all grades and assignments through Edline
- Results of all Standardized Tests (MEAP Grades 3-9, PLAN/EXPLORE – Grades 8 and 9, MME and ACT – Grade 11)

Chandler Park Academy parents will support their child's learning by adhering to the Home/School Compact. Chandler Park Academy students will share responsibility for improving their academic achievement by following the Home School Compact.

Parent Involvement Opportunities at Chandler Park Academy

Chandler Park Academy will support many varied ways of parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs including:

Chandler Park Academy PTO Programs:

- Monthly Meetings
 - Fundraisers
 - School Volunteers
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Chandler Park Academy Opportunities

- Trunk-or-Treat
- Recycling Program
- Health Fair
- Book Fairs Fall/Spring
- Family Science Night
- Family Game Night
- Real Men Read
- Career Day
- Character Education
- Bullying Awareness
- Homecoming Activities
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Classroom Visits
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Gardening

School Programs

- Christmas Toy and Food Drive
- Parent Education Opportunities
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Hoops for Heart
- Nutrition Week
- Class Field Trips
- School Improvement Team

School/Parent Communication

Chandler Park Academy will communicate with parents through all available sources:

- Notices sent home with children
 - School Webpage
 - School Facebook Page
 - School Marquee
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- Local Paper
- Local Radio
- Email
- Phone Calls
- Class newsletters
- PTO Meetings
- Parent Portal
- Assignment books/take home folders
- Parent letters

Annual Evaluation

Chandler Park Academy will evaluate the success of the parent involvement policy annually through the following methods:

- Parent Surveys
- Teacher/Staff Surveys
- Student Surveys
- School Improvement Team Review
- Teacher Contact Logs
- Sign-In Sheets for committee meetings and parent/school activities

Chandler Park Academy will submit to the Board of Directors, along with the parent involvement plan, any comments of dissatisfaction with the parent involvement program.

This Chandler Park Academy Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed upon with, parents of children participating in the Title I program as evidenced by meeting minutes.

The Parent Participation (Involvement) Policy was adopted by the Chandler Park Board of Directors September 25, 2007.

The school will distribute this Parental involvement Policy to all parents of participating Title I children and make it available to the community on or before October 2014.
