

Emerson Elementary 2020-2021 Parent Involvement Policy

Parent involvement is critical to the success of all students at Emerson Elementary School. We believe that parents and families are critical partners with the school in providing quality education for children. We promote a team approach that includes parents and community, and a high degree of meaningful collaboration around student learning. Emerson recognizes that all students are at various academic levels and teachers will implement targeted instruction based on the needs of each level. Emerson's overall goal is school-home partnerships that will help all students succeed. While the parent club is a separate organization, their work goes a long way to meet similar objectives for parent involvement.

Support for Parents and their Involvement:

Through family participation, we will develop, implement and distribute Emerson's Parent Involvement Policy, Learning Partnership and Contract. This will be made available to all parents and our local community.

- Title Family Learning Nights
These events are structured strategically, involving a pre-event, student involvement and presentation, culminating with the evening event. Handouts of parents rights and Title I descriptions available at these events and we solicit input regarding parent involvement at these events:
 - Fall Grade Level Learning Night
 - Spring Science Fair
- Other Family Nights
 - Music concerts at each grade level
 - Family nights sponsored by CEC(PTA)
- Some of the ways parents can be involved in the school are:
 - Watch Dogs
 - Mentors
 - Reading Support Parents for each class
 - Field Day Coordinators
 - School Wide volunteers
 - Sixth Grade Recognition Committees
 - Art docents
 - 6th grade camp counselors
 - Learning Celebrations

The teachers and school use the following in communicating/involving parents:

- Emerson School website
- Parent Conferences/scheduled meetings
- Weekly Progress Reports from classrooms
- Weekly emails from school
- Bi-annual report cards

Obtaining input from parents:

As a function of our annual planning as a school, we ask for parent feedback on our plan as well, specifically for the Parent Involvement section. The plan is presented at CEC board meetings for input, parents are surveyed at the end of the year and during Parent Involvement Nights to garner input in that portion of the plan, and some provide input via email to the principal. All of this information informs the next year's plan implementation.