

Meramec Elementary School



School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2021-2022

Meramec Elementary School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire time the child spends in school. To support the goals of the school effectively, the school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners. Parents are an important component of a school's ability to provide for the educational success of their children. The school endeavors to meet the diverse needs of engaging parents are essential to improve student achievement and that the school fosters and supports parental involvement. This plan will be distributed to parents annually and be revised periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

Strategies for Involvement

- Meramec Elementary will host a Welcome Back event, to be held in August, prior to school starting, for parents to meet and discuss the new curriculum. Parents will be able to acquire important information about the upcoming school year, familiarize/reintroduce themselves with the building, and we will provide students with school materials while supplies last.
- Meramec Elementary will hold an annual Title I meeting to be September 23, 2021 to inform parents of Meramec Elementary participation in Title I programs. We will explain all of the Title I mandates including: Parent's Right to Know, Every Student Succeeds Act, Complaint Resolution Procedures, and the Title I Parental Involvement Plan. Our Principal, Jonathan Strong, and Family and Community Specialist, Mrs. Lanita Burnett, will host this meeting. We will conduct a second Title I meeting in the second semester for families to receive the same information.
- Meramec Elementary will hold PTO meetings on the third (3rd) Tuesday of every month. Involved parents along with any participating school staff will share ideas and collaborate for school improvement. The PTO will assist the Principal with all fundraising efforts. All funds raised from fundraising efforts will in return be used as needed for school/building improvements not covered by already allocated funds.
- Meramec Elementary will provide parents an opportunity to participate in the evaluating, revising, and/or amending of the Parent Involvement Plan and the Three-Way Compact. These meetings will be held in the month of March of each school year and our Principal, Jonathan Strong, and Family and Community Specialist, Mrs. Lanita Burnett, will host these meetings. Prior to these meetings, parents and stakeholders will receive the current plans and all updated Title I mandates to review.
- Parents that register for the Parent Portal will have round the clock access to their students' grades and any comments from teachers.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Achievement

Meramec Elementary administration will work toward retaining highly qualified principals and teachers for all class rooms; provide instruction, materials, and high quality professional development which incorporates the latest

research. Meramec Elementary will maintain a safe and positive climate; and encourage frequent communication between home, school and students, by doing the following:

- School-Parent-Student Compact and Parental Involvement plan to be disseminated Tuesday, September 14, 2021 and compact to be returned to the school no later than Friday, September 24, 2021.
- Parent/student handbook to be disseminated Tuesday, September 14, 2021
- Report Cards/ Progress Reports to be disseminated every four weeks
- School Newsletter disseminated monthly

Family and Community Specialist will disseminate the newsletter to staff to pass on to their respective students.

- ✓ Meramec Elementary teachers will have high expectations for all students; they will assign homework daily and provide information for student achievement.
- ✓ Meramec Elementary parents will talk to their children about activities each day; help their children resolve conflicts in a positive non-violent way; foster high regards for academic achievement; seek information regarding their children's progress by conferring with the teacher; attend parent teacher conferences and all other meetings concerning the progress of your children; an encourage their children to follow all school rules and regulations.
- ✓ Meramec Elementary students will attend school every day unless they're ill; believe that they will learn; complete assignments and return homework on time; accept responsibility for their actions; listen well in class and follow directions; and do whatever it takes to be a successful student.

Expanding Opportunities for Parental Involvement

Meramec Elementary Parent Involvement Plan, established in collaboration with parents, includes programs and practices that will enhance parental involvement and reflects the specific needs of students and their families. The Parental Involvement Plan involves the parent in a variety of roles. The plan recognizes that communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful. To encourage this communication, Meramec Elementary has a Family and Community Specialist onsite so parents can receive all information needed. Ms. Mrs. Lanita Burnett's office is located on first floor near the main office and she is available Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM to answer any questions you may have regarding parental involvement in the building.

It is the goal of Meramec Elementary to assure an ongoing partnership between families, communities, and the school. We believe such a partnership is fundamental to the academic and social success of students. From this partnership a support will evolve that will have a positive effect on student achievement and will produce a sense of cooperative responsibility in ensuring excellence in the educational process.


Principal

9/23/21
Date