

## **Kalmiopsis Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy**

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

- that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

In acknowledgement of much reliable research proving the parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, Kalmiopsis Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through participation in the following activities and organizations: PTO, Site Council, monthly parent information meetings, parent/teacher conferences, Dr. Seuss night, Back to School night, and general school functions.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Kalmiopsis Elementary will provide the following:

- (A) An annual orientation meeting where parents will meet their child's teacher and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education. (Back to School Night)
- (B) A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement. (Monthly Information Meetings)
- (C) A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents. (as needed)
- (D) A minimum of two scheduled parent conferences, where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test

information and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.

- (E) Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through News and Notes, Kalmiopsis Elementary School Report Card, Parent-Pupil Handbook, handouts and mailings and student achievement report. Newsletters will include parenting tips and suggestions. All invitations will be sent in a timely manner with an additional follow-up reminder. Information will also be presented each Friday on KURY radio at 10:40 AM. Parents and community members will receive pertinent information with the use of group email.
- (F) A school-parent-student compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improving learning.
- (G) Every year, a survey for all parents shall be conducted to collect opinions and concerns of parents about the current programs and to collect suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings that meet the needs of parents.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community members are always welcome at Kalmiopsis Elementary School.

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