

VINA HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Vina High School recognizes the parent as our students' first and most important teacher. Our school understands that continued and substantial parental involvement is not only important, but essential, for our students' school success. Our School is committed to the maintenance and building of a strong parent/school partnership. To support this partnership and in response to the *No Child Left Behind* legislation, the following Parent Involvement Policy has been established to guide our school's efforts.

Vina High School will:

1. Convene an annual meeting, with flexible scheduling and multiple opportunities for parent attendance, during which our school's instructional programs and strategies, the tenets of a Title I schoolwide format, and opportunities for parental involvement will be shared.
2. Offer a variety of activities to encourage parental involvement on various days and during various times to accommodate the schedules of parents and their expressed needs and interests.
3. Provide parents the opportunity to be involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of Parent Involvement programs. Additionally, parents will have the opportunity to be included in the planning, review, and improvement of our school's Parent Involvement Policy.
4. Provide parents of participating students with timely information about programs and activities for parents; provide a description and explanation of the curricular in use at our school; forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and if requested by parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as possible.
5. Maintain and provide avenues for comments and suggestions from parents on all issues, programs and procedural operations of our school.
6. Provide and ensure multiple opportunities for parents and students to engage and commit themselves in our school's School/Parent Compact. Our school's Compact will specify how our school's professional staff, parents, and their children will share the responsibility for each student's optimum level of academic achievement.
7. Provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic content standards and state student academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor students' progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their students.
8. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.
9. Educate the professional staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value of parental contributions, and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build meaningful ties between parents and our school.
10. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs with Head Start, and other public and private preschool programs; and conduct other activities such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents' full participation in the education of their children.
11. Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents in a format, and to the extent feasible, in a language the parents can best understand.
12. Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities.

Copies of the entire Parent Involvement Plan and the annual Continuous Improvement Plan are available:

1. From the school principal in the school office; 2. On the school's website – www.vinahighschool.com or 3. On the school system's website – www.franklin.k12.al.us

VINA HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING COMPACT

Vina High School's faculty, students and their parents agree that this compact outlines how they will share the responsibility for improve student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high student performance standards.

AS A SCHOOL WE PROMISE:

- ✓ To provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children to meet the State's student achievement standards by following the guidelines of No Child Left Behind and the Alabama Course of Study
- ✓ To hold parent-teacher conferences each year as needed to discuss this compact as it relates to the individual child's achievement
- ✓ To provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress which may include report cards each nine weeks, state assessment results and other data concerning their child's academic achievement and progress
- ✓ To provide parents reasonable access to staff before and after school, during planning times and on conference days.
- ✓ To provide parents opportunities to participate actively in their child's education as appropriate and to encourage parents to volunteer in appropriate ways to support the school program

AS A PARENT I PROMISE:

- ✓ To help my child attend school regularly and to be on time
- ✓ To schedule homework time and review it every night so my child will be prepared
- ✓ To discuss my child's progress with his/her teacher on a regular basis
- ✓ To actively participate in my child's education and be involved in school activities
- ✓ To offer encouragement and praise to my child

AS A STUDENTS I PROMISE:

- ✓ To attend school regularly and be on time
- ✓ Always do my best at school
- ✓ Show respect to students and adults by abiding by all school rules and the student conduct code
- ✓ To do my homework and be prepared for class every day
- ✓ Give to parent or guardian all notices and information I receive

School Year _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Principal's Signature _____