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Davis Elementary School

Parent Involvement Policy

The faculty and staff at Davis Elementary School look forward to working with you and your child. We hope that you will feel comfortable calling or stopping in the office whenever you have questions, ideas, or concerns. You are always welcome. Our goal is to work with every child and parent in order to ensure a productive and valuable school year.

- The U.S. Department of Education research has shown that **parental involvement has a greater effect on a child's education than does a parent's income or level of education**. No matter how much money you make or how many years of school you completed, you are vital to your child's success at school.
- Being involved doesn't mean you are expected to be a PTO officer or spend time at school every day. It might mean listening to your child read for 20 minutes in the evening, going on a field trip, helping teachers prepare materials for their students, building shelves or any number of other methods for showing your child that you are interested in what goes on at school.

Parent Involvement Team

- This year, Davis Elementary School will be revamping its Parent Involvement Team as part of our Davis School Council. New policies and procedures will be written in an attempt to encourage more parental involvement. As we grow our student council, our initial focus will be to increase parental input and participation.

Provisions:

1. The Davis Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy is aligned with the Dade County Schools Parent Involvement Policy and all applicable state and federal guidelines. The policy will be periodically reviewed and revised by the Davis Parent Involvement Team.
2. Parents will be notified annually of the school's Title I status, CCRPI status, their rights to know teacher and paraprofessional qualifications (Title II), and all other applicable notifications as required by local, state, and federal guidelines. Notifications will be provided to families in their own language when needed. Arrangements will be made as needed to provide a translator to available at parent involvement activities and meetings.
3. The Davis Leadership Team will include a Parent representative each year. The parent representative will not be a regular employee at Davis Elementary during the same year of their service on the leadership team.
4. The Davis Elementary School administrative team will annually consider, in collaboration with the school district, how to provide adequate resources for parent involvement at the school level.

5. Davis Elementary School, in collaboration with the school district, will provide an annual parent survey to determine the effectiveness of the current parent involvement program and activities. The survey will also be used to identify barriers which would potentially hinder parent participation, especially to those who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any race or ethnic minority.

6. The Davis Elementary Parent Involvement Team will periodically consider input from parents and other stakeholders regarding the Davis Parent Involvement policy and parent involvement activities. Input shall be gathered from several means, including parent surveys, the school web site, and discussions with parents. Any reasonable unsatisfactory parent comments regarding the Davis parent Involvement Plan will be addressed through revisions to the plan. These comments will be submitted with the school plan to the school district.

7. Information will be provided to parents at least annually to help them understand topics required by Title I.

8. Davis Elementary School recognizes that parents are the first and best teachers their children have. Therefore, materials and training will be provided to parent to help their children achieve. Regular workshops will address strategies used in the classroom and effective ways parents can work with their children at home will be provided. Different methods of technology will be used to provide this training and parents will have access to technology whenever possible, provided such access will not displace access for students. Parents will also be provided information regarding website links that have helpful and/or requested information.

9. Periodic training will be provided to teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and support staff regarding the importance of the contribution of parents in the education of their children and how they can reach out to and communicate to strengthen their partnership with parents.

10. Davis Elementary School recognizes the importance of community organizations and businesses in the promotion and advancement of education for our students. Davis Elementary will provide information to those entities periodically regarding opportunities for involvement. Davis Elementary School will maintain communication with the DADE FIRST Family Connection to collaborate with other local agencies.

11. The Davis Elementary School Council will also act as an advisory council regarding Parent Involvement and other requirements of federal programs.

12. Davis Elementary School will maintain a Parent Resource Center on campus to provide materials and information regarding parenting issues, information that will assist parents in becoming full partners in their child's education.