

Zillah Middle School
Parent Involvement Plan

This plan has been developed to raise the level of communication and involvement for parents at Zillah Middle School.

1. **Annual Meeting:** An annual meeting will take place at Zillah Middle School to inform parents of the parent involvement plan.
 - a. This meeting will occur in the evening so that parents will be able to attend.
 - b. It will be held in September or prior to the beginning of the academic school year.
 - c. Items to be shared:
 - i) Methods of communication to be used throughout the year
 - ii) Activities on the calendar for upcoming year
 - iii) Input for activities
2. **Methods of Involving Parents:** this section includes the different ways that parents have to be involved in their students' education.
 - a. Parent-Teacher conferences
 - b. Volunteer in classrooms
 - c. Math, Library, and similar nights
 - d. Parent Teacher Association
3. **What the school will provide for parents:**
 - a. Timely information about programs
 - b. Explanation of curriculum used in school
 - c. Forms of assessment
 - d. Proficiency levels students are expected to attain
4. **Shared Responsibilities for student success:**
 - a) A student/teacher/parent compact outlining:
 - i) Shared responsibility for improvement of student achievement
 - ii) Monitoring attendance
 - iii) Monitoring homework completion
 - iv) Monitoring television watching
 - v) Volunteering in their child's classroom when appropriate
 - vi) Participating in activities with child when appropriate
 - vii) Monitoring positive use of child's extracurricular time
 - viii) Maintaining communication between school and parents on an ongoing basis
 - ix) Parent teacher conferences
 - x) Frequent reports on children's progress
 - xi) Reasonable access to staff
5. **To build capacity for parental involvement ZMS will:**
 - a) Will provide assistance to parents served as appropriate to understand:
 - i) State academic achievement standards
 - ii) State assessment standards
 - iii) State assessments
 - iv) How to monitor student progress and work with educators in that monitoring
 - b) Will provide training opportunities to help parents improve their students achievement when appropriate in areas such as:
 - i) literacy
 - ii) technology

- c) Will educate staff, in the value and utility of the contributions of parents AND educate staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.
- d) Will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of eligible students in a format that the parents are able to understand.
- e) May provide literacy training.
- f) May support local parental involvement activities, including childcare, translation, or transportation of students, to enable parent involvement in school activities.
- g) May train parent to enhance the involvement of other parents.
- h) May arrange flexible meeting times for staff and parents in order to maximize parental involvement and participation.
- i) May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement

Zillah Middle Schools' strategies and activities for parent involvement are delineated in the following list (A – G) and table. Parent surveys, newsletters, conferencing, and other mechanisms are included. Parent/Teacher/Student Contracts have been developed for students at risk of failure.

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- A. Interdisciplinary Teams scheduled to make presentations at PTSA meetings
- B. Family Nights
- C. Interactive Family Math Nights
- D. Parent conferences for all students in the fall and spring
- E. Parent/Teacher/Student Contracts for students at risk of failure
- F. Family potlucks for student recognition
- G. Newsletters/brochures/ for parents and families.

Parent Involvement		
Activity	When	Who
Assessment Nights	Fall/Winter	Teams/Principal./Counselors
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences	Fall/Spring ~ <u>October/March</u>	All staff/admin.
Parent Newsletter	<u>Quarterly</u>	Principal//Teams
Parent Surveys	Fall/Spring	
Math Family Nights	Quarterly	Math Team
Team Recognition Potlucks	2 per year	Teams
Migrant Parent Meetings	Quarterly	District/Migrant Coord.
	Spring	Selected Teams
Parent Classroom Volunteers	Ongoing	Teams
		All Staff / Students
		Counselors/Admin/Teams

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