

2008-2012 Parental Involvement Plan

Dreamland Academy recognizes that a child's education is responsibility shared by the school and family all through the child's school career. We support the goal of the school being responsible for educating all students effectively with the school and parents working as knowledgeable partners.

We also know that cultural diversity is important, and that parents with diverse cultures are an integral component of the school's ability to provide for the educational success of students. Consequently, the engagement of parents is essential to improve student achievement; therefore, Dreamland Academy will foster and support parental involvement. Parents of students of all grade levels will be included in a variety of comprehensive and coordinated activities that encourage active parental involvement.

Dreamland Academy recognizing that communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful. **Dreamland Academy will:**

- 1) Dreamland Academy shall encourage communication with parents by**
 1. Preparing an information packet which is given to parents each school year. This packet includes:
 - a. The Parental Involvement Plan.
 - b. The recommended role of the parent, student, teacher, and school.
 - c. Ways for parents to become involved in his or her child's education.
 - d. A volunteer survey.
 - e. Activities planned to encourage parental involvement.
 - f. A system to allow parents and teachers to communicate in a regular, two way, and meaningful way.
 - g. Activities to promote communication include:
 - h. Dreamland Academy's Annual Report to the Public.
 - i. Open House.
 - j. Two Parent/Teacher Conferences

- 2) Dreamland Academy shall promote and support responsible parenting by**
 1. Purchasing parenting books and other materials and placed these materials in the library.
 - a. Parents may borrow these materials.
 - b. Parents will be encouraged to visit the library.
 2. Brochures with information for parents are placed in the Dreamland Academy library.

- 3) To help families in assisting their children, Dreamland Academy will schedules regular parent involvement meetings at which parents are given a report on the state of the school. And an overview of what students will be learning, how students will be assessed, what a parent should expect for his or her child's**

education and how a parent can assist and make a difference in his or her child's education. These meetings include:

1. Dreamland Academy's District Annual Report
2. Open House
3. Parent/Teacher Conferences
4. PTO Programs
 - a. Classroom presentation demonstrating what children are learning.
5. Curricula materials parents may use include textbooks, and library books.

4) Dreamland Academy welcomes parents into the school.

1. Dreamland shall not have any school policies or procedures that would discourage a parent from visiting the school or from visiting a child's classrooms.
2. Dreamland Academy will compile a volunteer resource book listing the interests and availability of volunteers.
3. 3. Activities to welcome parents and families to school include:
 - a. Open House.
 - b. Grandparent's Days
 - c. Parent Coffees
 - d. PTO Meetings
 - e. Kindergarten and Fifth grade graduations

5) Dreamland Academy recognizes that a parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect his or her child and family.

1. Dreamland Academy includes in the Dreamland's Student Handbook the process for resolving parental concerns including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.
2. Other activities that encourage parental participations include parent teacher conferences.

6) Dreamland Academy recognizes that community resources strengthen school programs, family practices and school learning.

1. Dreamland Academy has a parental involvement advisory which provides advice for school improvement.
2. Dreamland Academy has a Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO).