



Purpose

Valley Academy regards parental involvement vital to the culture and academic success of the school. Parents are the initial teachers of their students and serve as partners with the school in helping their children achieve.

Policy

Valley Academy will involve parents in the development of their school plan

- The Valley Academy governing board will approve the school plan

Valley Academy will involve parents in the process of school review and improvement

- School achievement data will be shared with all parents
- Teachers will share individual student achievement data with parents
- Staff qualifications will be on the school website and shared in the annual Valley Academy School Report
- Parents will be involved in reviewing research-based curriculum that aligns to the school goals and plan

Valley Academy will provide opportunities for parents to volunteer, including but not limited to:

- Parent Advisory Committee
- Volunteering in the classroom
- Community Service
- Lunchroom
- Playground/Recess
- Providing extra help to the paid school staff such as in the office
- Newsletter
- Website/Computer support
- Special Needs, such as assisting the Special Education team when appropriate
- Music
- Dance
- Visual Arts
- Theater
- Special Events
- Field trips
- Library
- Grounds and building maintenance
- Fundraising
- School tours
- Before and after school programs/performances
- Student carpool

Valley Academy will conduct annual parent involvement surveys

- Twice yearly a Parent Survey will be conducted
- A summary of the Parent Surveys will be shared with parents, staff and the Valley Academy School Board

- The PTO, board and administration will plan and work together to enhance parent involvement activities
- Valley Academy will promote quality technical assistance to assure continued parental involvement
- Valley Academy will track parent volunteer hours with dedicated software and support
- The school provides assistance to insure that required school information is communicated to parents via email, SMS and/or internet.
- Teachers provide classroom websites or newsletters and are available before and after school for parent consultations
- The school administration is available to meet with parents by phone, e-mail or appointment
- Administration, Parent Teacher Organization and committee chairpersons will seek out parent input and participation

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Board President Signature

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Date