

EDNA KARR PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Part I. General Expectations

Edna Karr High School and its parents agree to implement the following parent involvement statutory requirements:

- Edna Karr High School will notify all parents of the school's written parental involvement policies in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, provide notice and the policies in a language that parents can understand.
- Edna Karr High School will provide parents with a description and explanation of the school's curriculum; information on the forms of academic assessment used to increase student progress; and information on the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- Edna Karr High School will develop jointly with parents, a school-parent compact. The school-parent compact is a written agreement between the school and parents that identify the activities that parents, school staff and students will undertake to share the responsibility for improved student achievement.
- Edna Karr High School will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as the morning or evening so that as many parents as possible are able to attend.
- Edna Karr High School will provide timely notification to all parents regarding teacher's qualifications based upon the Parent's Right to know. Schools must give each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is not highly qualified.
- Edna Karr High School will implement programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of all parents consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).
- Edna Karr High School will incorporate this parent involvement policy into the school's improvement plan, and other state and district mandated plans; and will develop strategies to support the full participation of all parents in the school planning processes.
- Edna Karr High School will involve the parents of children served with Title I, Part A in decisions about how the one (1) percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent.
- Edna Karr High School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- Edna Karr High School will utilize the assigned Parent Liaison to support parental involvement through direct contact with parents, and provision of school site activities that build parent capacity for meaningful involvement.
- Edna Karr High School will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Student/Parent Information and Resource.
- Edna Karr High School will be governed by the following statutory definition of parent involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition. Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that–
 - a. parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;
 - b. parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
 - c. Parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, an appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Part II. Edna Karr High School Implementation of the Parental Involvement Policy Components.

1. Edna Karr Secondary School will take the following actions to involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs, including the school parental involvement policy and the joint development of the school-wide program plan:
 - A. Conduct regular monthly meetings of the PTO Executive Board
 - B. Conduct an annual Open House and a minimum of four Mid-Quarter Conferences
 - C. Email out regular bimonthly newsletters to all parents that include information concerning pathways for parent involvement and school improvement
 - D. Place in the Edna Karr library all documents that pertain to parent involvement
 - E. Develop brochures that specify programs and courses
2. Edna Karr High School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.
 - A. Email out regular quarterly newsletters to all parents that include information concerning pathways for parent involvement and school improvement
 - B. Place in the Edna Karr library all documents that pertain to parent involvement
3. Edna Karr High School will take the following actions to convene annual meetings to inform parents of their school’s parental involvement policy and plan, and their right to be involved.
 - A. Conduct regular monthly meetings of the PTO Executive Board and General PTO
 - B. Mail home regular bimonthly newsletters to all parents that include information concerning pathways for parent involvement and school improvement
 - C. Utilize the School Messenger phone system to notify parents of all upcoming meetings

4. Edna Karr High School will take the following actions to offer a minimum of four flexible scheduled parent meetings with childcare to provide all parents with access to participation.
 - A. Conduct regular monthly meetings of the PTO Executive Board
 - B. Conduct an annual Open House and a minimum of four Mid-Quarter Conferences

5. Edna Karr High School will take following actions to provide parents with timely information about Title I, Part A programs, school performance profiles, individual student assessment results, description and explanation of the curriculum.
 - A. Email home or send home all relevant information
 - B. Place in the school library and school store copies of all relevant information
 - C. Have copies of pertinent information available at mid-quarter conferences

6. Edna Karr High School will provide each parent an individualized student report about performance of their child on the state assessment tests.
 - ✓ Mail home or send home all relevant information

7. Edna Karr High School will take the following actions to establish and/or support an elected parent organization that is open to and in communication with every parent.
 - A. Conduct an annual spring election of elected officers
 - B. Conduct an annual induction of officers at the Open House
 - C. Conduct regular monthly meetings of the PTO Executive Board & General Body Meetings

8. Edna Karr High School will build parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among school personnel, parents and the community to improve student achievement.
 - A. Conduct regular monthly meetings of the PTO Executive Board & PTO General Membership
 - B. Conduct an annual Open House and a minimum of four Mid-Quarter Conferences

9. Edna Karr High School took the following actions to prepare and implement a written parent involvement plan (comprised of all of the above actions) jointly developed and approved by parents and school personnel.
 - A. Provided input opportunities for faculty and parents to develop the newest version of the school/parent compact
 - B. Send copies of the rough draft for parental input
 - C. Developed a final version of the school/parent compact

Part III. Adoption

This school Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children attending Edna Karr High School as evidenced by all of the above.

This policy was adopted by the Edna Karr High School on November 11, 2014, and will be in effect for 2014-2016. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating children on or before December 1, 2016

Harold Clay, Principal Date