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**M. E. Foster Elementary School  
Parent Involvement Policy 2020-2021**

If students are to be successful, their parents or guardians must be actively involved in their education. Foster Elementary School has developed this policy to describe how we involve parents in the development of policy and the School-Parent-Teacher Compact. These documents will aid parents in helping their children achieve in school and help parents of students with limited English proficiency or disabilities participate in their children's education. This policy was developed with the assistance and approval of the parents of children participating in the Title I program as well as teachers, and support staff at Foster Elementary School.

**Foster Elementary School** agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- **Foster Elementary School** will jointly develop with parents and distribute to parents of participating children, a Parental Involvement Policy that the school and parents of participating children agree on.
- **Foster Elementary School** will notify parents about the Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format and, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.
  - ❖ Upon identification of parental need for information in another language or in another format, the school will take steps to ensure that the parent request is fulfilled.
- **Foster Elementary School** will make the Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community and on the school website.
- **Foster Elementary School** will periodically update the Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
  - ❖ The school will, with the assistance of the district and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:
    - A. Encouraging staff to attend parental involvement workshops and conferences, web-based learning, and site staff development.
- **Foster Elementary School** will adopt the Parent-Student-Teacher compact as a component of its Parental Involvement Policy.
  - ❖ The school-parent compact will be a part of the School Parental Involvement Policy on the school's web page.
  - ❖ During regular parent/teacher/student conferences, the school-parent compact will be completed and signed by the teacher, the parent(s), and the student.
  - ❖ As needed, the school-parent compact will be included in school newsletters along with the School Parental Involvement Policy.
- **Foster Elementary School** agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:



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- ❖ Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—
  - 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. That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
  
- **Foster Elementary School** will take the following actions to distribute to parents of participating children and the local community the Parental Involvement Policy:
  - ❖ The School Parental Involvement Policy will be distributed to parents at Title I parent meetings.
  - ❖ The policy will be posted on the school web site.
  - ❖ Parents of new participating students will receive the policy upon registration if eligible for Title I.
  
- **Foster Elementary School** will convene an annual meeting, Open House, to inform parents of the following:
  - ❖ Foster Elementary School participates in Title I,
  - ❖ The requirements of Title I
  
- **Foster Elementary School** will hold PTA/PTO meetings at varying times, and may provide child care.
  
- **Foster Elementary School** will provide parents of participating children with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet through:
  - ❖ the annual Title I parent meeting
  - ❖ regular parent/teacher conferences
  - ❖ Title I meetings and Family Nights throughout the year