

Porter Elementary School School Parental Involvement Policy & School Compact 2018-2019

We believe in OUR students!
We believe in YOUR child(ren)!
We believe in PORTER ELEMENTARY!

With the support of their teachers, their parents, and the community, we believe **WITHOUT EXCUSE** that all students will demonstrate mastery in reading, writing, and math so that they may achieve their greatest potential.

We are focused on ONE GOAL!

Without excuse, 100% of Porter Elementary students will excel in reading, writing, and math which will prepare them to be successful at a university of their choice.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Research studies consistently reveal that high student achievement and self-esteem are closely related to positive parental participation in education; therefore, parents and school need to work together as knowledgeable partners so all children can succeed in school.

A successful public education system is directly related to a strong, dedicated and supportive family, and parental involvement in the school is essential for the maximum educational achievement of a child. (Excerpt from the 74th Texas Legislature Mission of Public Education). One of the goals of Porter Elementary School is to increase opportunities for parent and community involvement in all educational processes of our district. This school, in collaboration with parents, has established programs and practices that enhance parent involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families.

At Porter Elementary, a Title 1 school, parents and community members are welcome and invited to participate in the various activities and involvement options that we offer. The following is a list of opportunities a parent may utilize in order to be a part of our school community:

- During each school year, we will have at least four family nights. These nights will focus on various learning areas: reading, writing, math, social studies and/or science. Students attend with their parent(s) and both are invited to participate

in the activities. Instructional strategies and activities will be given to parents so that they may help their students be successful in school.

- The campus website in addition to various other social media venues, school flyers, and campus marquee are used to inform parents of upcoming events and activities.
- An introduction and invitation for parent involvement is offered by staff during the spring Kindergarten Round-Up, early registration, the first day of school, open house, as well as throughout the school year to encourage parents and community members to be actively involved.
- Porter Elementary staff is available to communicate with parents through various methods: Tuesday folders, school and class newsletters, notes home, phone calls to parents, email, and if necessary, interpreters will be made available.
- Parents are encouraged to become NCISD volunteers by completing the district's volunteer application and fulfilling the requirements of becoming an authorized volunteer.
- Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if they have questions or concerns. If the teacher is unable to answer your concerns, parents are asked to contact their child's grade level administrator before contacting the campus principal. All requests for communication will be responded to in a timely manner.
- Parents are invited to attend annual Title I meetings at the start of the school year to discuss the current status of the school which will include the following:
 - Title I status
 - School Accountability Report
 - Parental Involvement Policy
 - Student, Parent, and Teacher Compact
 - Campus Improvement Plan/Site Based Committee
- Porter Elementary will accept requests and suggestions taken in the form of the annual parent survey that is generally distributed at the end of the school year. Results of the survey will be made available to our parents.
- Parents will receive information on how they can access their student's Confidential Student Report provided by TEA for all state testing administrations along with the explanation guide provided by TEA in a timely manner once results are made known to the district.

School - Family Compact

This is a plan to work together to achieve the mission of Porter Elementary which states that we will set high expectations to shape successful and responsible lifelong learners.

The following is an agreement between the student, parent, and school staff that we will all work together to achieve success:

As a student, I will

- Work as hard as I can on my school assignments.
- Discuss with my parent what I am learning in school.
- Ask questions when I do not understand something.
- Read outside of class regularly.
- Accept responsibility for my own actions.
- Show kindness and respect to everyone.
- Be proud to be an eagle of Porter Elementary.

As a parent, I will

- Encourage good study habits at home.
- Talk to my child about school activities.
- Make sure that my child is present and on time to school each day.
- Consistently read to and with my child.
- Encourage my child to exhibit kindness and respect in all things that he/she does.
- Teach my child to be proud to be an eagle of Porter Elementary.

As a teacher, I will

- Explain my instructional goals and provide motivating and high-quality instruction each day.
- Provide communication with parents about what their child is learning.
- Provide positive communication to parents about their child's progress.
- Foster an atmosphere that models and recognizes acts of kindness and respect.
- Always remember why I became a teacher.

The Parental Involvement Policy and School-Family Compact was developed through collaboration with a group of parent volunteers, Porter Elementary administrators, Porter Elementary parent involvement coordinator on October 14, 2017. It is reviewed annually by parents and community members. Porter Elementary will provide access to these documents through the use of the campus website and other social media sites. A hard copy will be available in the reception area of the campus as well as for individual parents when requested.