

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### Parent Involvement Policy

It is the goal of the Wilson Creek School District #1 67-20210 "develop strong partnerships with home." Parents and schools working together as partners will increase student achievement and develops positive attitudes about self and school.

The school district believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility shared between the district and the parents and the community. To ensure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication and/or collaboration between home and school must be maintained. The district believes that it is the parents who have the ultimate responsibility for their child's in-school academic achievement and behavioral conduct. During school hours, the district, through its designated staff, will strive to serve the interests of parents in providing for the safety, health, and welfare of their child.

The intent of this policy is to result in consciously doing those things already in practice in a more efficient, consistent, and effective manner as well as generating new ways of strengthening the partnership.

The partnership between home and school will be supported by:

1. The development of communication and collaboration that allows the district and parents to continually assess, plan, and implement strategies that build the partnership between home and school.
2. Coordination of activities through staff development system in areas of teacher in-service, assessment of teaching strengths, and communication with parents toward creation of the best possible learning experience for each child.
3. The following seven basic principles are considered essential to home-school partnerships:
  - a. Every aspect of the school climate is open, helpful, and friendly.
  - b. Communications with parents are frequent, clear, and two-way.
  - c. Parents are treated as collaborators in the educational process, with a strong complementary role to play in their children's school learning and behavior.
  - d. Parents are encouraged, both formally and informally to comment on school policies and to share in the decision-making.
  - e. The principal and other school administrators actively express and promote the philosophy of partnership with all families.
  - f. The school encourages volunteer participation from parents and the community at large.
  - g. The school recognizes its responsibility to forge partnerships with all families in the school, not simply those most easily available.

Wilson Creek School District #167-202, its board of directors, and staff will provide leadership in the development of clear avenues of parental involvement. Full realization of the partnership will be achieved through the on-going commitment and active participation by both home and school.

The Wilson Creek School Parents Advisory Council (PAC) consists of the parents of Title I, Learning Assistance Program (LAP), and Special Education students. Meetings are held annually at the school. Notification of a Parents Advisory Council meeting is mailed to the parents of students participating in the programs. Parent Advisory Council members are involved in all phases of the programs including the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Title I/LAP.

A student/family/school compact has been designed and adopted that delineates the responsibilities of students, parents, teachers, and school administrators to ensure improved student achievement.

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