



## Carter-Lawrence Elementary Parent Involvement Policy 2009-2010



Carter-Lawrence Elementary Magnet school continues to expand and strengthen a strong home-school-community partnership that ensures a safe, child-oriented learning environment. Through this partnership our youth will grow and achieve to their highest potential. ***Our purpose is to provide an exceptional learning experience for all students by meeting and exceeding district standards in a challenging, nurturing, and safe environment through delivery of intensive instruction and assessment and collaboration with all stakeholders.*** We believe that when families, schools, and community groups work together to support learning, students stay in school longer, attend school more regularly, and perform better in academics.

- All parents will be given the opportunity to attend informational, educational, and procedural meetings throughout the year. Gatherings will be scheduled at various times and at various sites. Written communication and verbal communications will be provided in an understandable format and language. Translators will be provided as needed.
- All parents will be invited to jointly develop and edit this parent involvement policy, the school compact, school handbook, discipline policy, and other written documents along with the school staff and community stakeholders throughout the input of parent surveys, discussion groups, electronic communication, suggestion box comments and ideas, and informational specific meetings and pre-student event school meetings.
- All parents will be invited to assist in the planning, revising, implementing, and funding of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) as it is developed, implemented, revised, and evaluated.
- All parents will be provided numerous opportunities to engage in meaningful two-way communication and influence decision making policy with school and district staff regarding all phases of school and or district improvement through a three-tier communication network (Parent Teacher Organization, Hillsboro cluster Parent Advisory Meetings, and the District Parent Advisory Council)
- All parents will be provided numerous opportunities to improve their parenting skills and skills in supporting student learning through workshops, community programs, and advisory groups. Parents have suggested topics for this year that include: homework, child development, conflict management, health care, TCAP state performance standards, rezoning and school choice opportunities.
- All parents will receive report cards and mid-nine week progress reports and TCAP scores. Other methods of monitoring student progress will include, but not be limited to: home visits, telephone logs, daily agendas, informal and formal parent-teacher-counselor conferences, electronic newsletters, call outs, and frequent school-wide newsletters.

Above all, Carter-Lawrence Elementary Magnet School students rely on the teamwork of the parents, all staff, and surrounding community stakeholders to provide for the best possible learning environment, so our children will acquire the skills to become lifelong, accountable learners.