

Van Buren 2024-2025 Parental Engagement Policy

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that our school is to have a parent involvement policy for the purpose of informing and providing opportunities to be involved in the educational process of their children. In order to build an effective home-school partnership. Van Buren will provide the following:

1. An annual orientation meeting (Meet the Teacher/ Open House) where parents will meet their child's teacher and be reassured of their rights and responsibilities to be involved in their child's education. In addition, we will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the requirements and responsibilities tht our school must comply with under the Title 1 legislation.
2. Offer flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the Federal and State Academic requirements, standards and achievement results, as well as local school assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. Parent Conferences in all grades (PK-4th) are required two times per year (September and February). At conferences, teachers will share student report cards, work samples and test information. Parents are informed of grade level curriculum and classroom expectations.
4. Van Buren Elementary teachers are expected to have continuous ongoing dialogue with parents regarding their child's academic progress. Teachers are expected to keep parents/guardians informed and engaged in a meaningful educational partnership to improve academic achievement for their child. Teachers shall be available to discuss student progress with the parents as requested in addition to routine established conference times. Van Buren Elementary will and has developed a parent involvement policy which shall be distributed to parents and a copy kept on file in the school office.
5. A school-parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improving learning.
6. Van Buren Elementary will provide reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and schedule observations of classroom activities to improve student achievement.
7. Provide educational resources and/or materials for parents to use or borrow that will assist their child at home. Workshops/ activities may include, but are not limited to, Reading/ Literacy night, Math night, and or STEAM night.
8. Van Buren Elementary will solicit parental input on policies and procedures in place at the school through questionnaires, informal interviews, surveys and parents serving on committees, ensuring parental views and voices as a routine practice.

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