

## **Venus Elementary Parent Involvement Policy**

Venus Elementary School recognizes that a student's education is a shared responsibility between the campus staff and the student's family. "When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. When parents are involved in school, children go farther in school, and the schools they go to are better." (Henderson & Birla, 1994)

### **Parent Involvement Policy**

The Campus Advisory Committee (CAC) at VES is comprised of parents, teachers, community members and administrators. The CAC's purpose is to involve all stakeholders in the process of educating our students.

### **Annual Title 1 Meeting**

At the beginning of the second six-weeks, an informational meeting about Title 1, the Ten School-Wide Components and the Parent Involvement Policy will be provided for VES families. A copy of the Parent Involvement Policy and the Home and School Commitment Compact will be given to the students' parents/guardians. We want to encourage parents/guardians to visit the school, volunteer, attend CAC meetings and attend music programs and academic nights.

### **Home and School Commitment Compact**

The CAC will annually review the Home and School Commitment Compact to reassure that all stakeholders have a shared responsibility for promoting student success. Teachers will review the compact with the parents on Open House Night, at the beginning of the second six-weeks.

### **Parent/School Communication**

- The Principal will communicate campus information to parents via phone calls, newsletters, emails, campus website, and the campus Facebook page.
- School events will be posted on the district calendar.
- Skyward is available for parents to access grades/attendance.
- The teachers will communicate classroom and individual information to parents through emails, progress reports, report cards, positive postcards, weekly Bulldog folder, parent conferences, Remind 101, and phone calls.

### **Building Capacity for Parent Involvement**

VES wants to increase parent involvement by providing assistance in understanding the curriculum, and information on grades and assessment through the following events: Reading Night, Math Night, Science Night, STAAR Information Nights, and the Bilingual Family Literacy program.

### **Other Parent Involvement Opportunities:**

Scholastic Book Fair	Fundraisers	Community Food Drives	Field Day
Field Trip chaperone	Awards Assemblies	Teacher Appreciation Week	Class Parties
Volunteer to assist staff with preparation of materials, Fall Carnival, picture days, A. R. Movie, etc.			

### **Annual Evaluation**

VES will review the Parent Involvement Policy annually and make adjustments based on parent surveys, CAC agendas, Parent Contact logs, sign-in sheets for academic nights and school events and attendance at grade level programs and non-academic events.