

Toyon School

Parent Involvement Policy

TOYON School recognizes that parents/guardians are the most influential figures in their child's life and that parental involvement is essential to their child's achievement and character.

Parents/guardians and teachers must work together as partners with the aim of providing the best possible education for the children. To facilitate that, **TOYON** School shall include meaningful parent/guardian involvement strategies as a component of instructional planning.

TOYON School shall annually review the following components of parent involvement:

- Identifying barriers and specific strategies for greater participation of parents through our School Site Council (SSC) and parent-teacher organizations. These meetings are held on a monthly basis, and they are announced in our school newsletters and the agenda is posted in the school office.
- Conducting an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of various programs through our School Improvement Plan. The Plan is evaluated annually by our school staff and brought to the School Site Council for review and adoption. Parents/guardians will have an opportunity for input during these SSC meetings.
- Coordinating parental involvement between our various programs through announcements in our school newsletters, classroom newsletters, parent-teacher organization meetings, specific flyers, and classroom volunteers. If any parent is interested in becoming involved, s/he is also encouraged to contact his/her child's teacher or principal.
- Communicating with parents/guardians about their child's progress on a continuous basis. Teachers send written grade reports home on a regular basis. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled at teacher or parent request throughout the year. Other communication methods include Back to School Night, mid-trimester and end of trimester grade reports, results from standardized tests, NTI Connect, Schoolloop, and informal discussions with the teacher or principal. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if additional information is needed.
- Involving parents in the revision of this policy through the SSC meetings. Parents'/Guardians' input and comments will help shape the effectiveness of this document.

Legal References:

California Education Code, Sections
11500-11506 Programs to Encourage Parental Involvement
Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Section 1118
Improving American's Schools Act of 1994
Depart of Education 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200

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Site Council Chair Person _____