

Sunset Elementary School

Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy

Sunset Mission Statement: The Sunset School Community is dedicated to providing students with the education and skills necessary to reach their full potential.

Sunset Vision Statement: All students at Sunset Elementary School are actively involved in their education and empowered to achieve their full potential in all areas. Students are enabled to become productive members of society with 21st Century Skills emphasizing communication, critical thinking, and responsibility. Staff creates meaningful and engaging activities to meet the needs of each student and build positive relationships in a safe learning environment. Parents and community members are actively involved and encouraged to be members of the educational team.

Welcoming All Families Into The School Community

At Sunset Elementary, a Title 1 school, parents and community members are welcomed and invited to participate in various activities and involvement options. We believe that active parent/community involvement is essential to ensure student academic success.

As a result of the COVID Pandemic, parent and community involvement activities during the 2020-21 school year were limited and when held were virtual. It is hoped, that activities listed below will resume in future years when restrictions are lifted.

Parents are encouraged to participate in a variety of activities. These include: Meet the Teacher/Group Conferences Night, Donuts with Grown-ups, Halloween Parade, School Marathon Family Night, Sunset Night at the Salina Public Library, Parent-Teacher Conferences, PTA Fall Festival, Reading and Math Night/Frosty Festival, Muffins in the Morning, Love of Reading, Kindergarten Round-Up, PTA Fun Night and Play Day.

Parents and community members are encouraged and invited to volunteer to support activities and instructional programs. Information is provided about volunteering opportunities and volunteer form completion requirements. Necessary training is provided.

Communicating Effectively

Sunset Elementary staff communicates with parents through various methods: conferences, school and class newsletters, notes home, phone calls, text messages, Remind App, Class Tag, Zoom, Google Meets, WebEx, email, School Messenger, Twitter and Facebook. Interpreters are provided when needed.

All written information is provided to parents in both English and Spanish. A monthly newsletter provides general information, as well as specific information about parenting, reading and math activities to practice at home, character education, and nutritional information. Teachers utilize a student planner or homework folder to communicate with parents on a daily basis. In addition, specific activity information is sent home on a regular basis.

The Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) provides parents with information and resources to understand parent involvement and parent rights and options under the No Child Left Behind Legislation. KPIRC also provides parents with information and resources to successfully support their children's learning from birth through high school. Information about this resource is provided in the school newsletter and on the school website.

Supporting Student Success and Speaking Up For Every Child

Teachers utilize a daily student planner or homework folder to communicate and facilitate student progress. This also provides a way for parents to communicate with teachers.

Parent-teacher conferences take place during the first and second semesters.

The Student Improvement Team provides suggestions for support of students who are struggling in school.

During each school year, a Reading and Math Family night takes place. Students attend with their parent(s) participating in the activities together. Parents receive learning tips and activities to help their children be successful in school.

- **Standards-Referenced Report Cards**

Teachers provide a report card at each quarter that will indicate student progress towards meeting the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards. Report card information is skill-based and identifies areas of strength and areas for growth.

- **School-Parent Compact**

A school-parent compact was jointly developed with parents and outlines how parents, teachers, and students share in the responsibility for student success. It is discussed at the Annual Title 1 Parent meeting and during Parent-Teacher conferences.

Sharing Power

Parents are provided opportunities to participate in decision making through completing surveys, service on Site Council, participation in Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and attendance at the annual Title 1 Parent Meeting. Through the facilitation of an open door policy, parents may also schedule a conference with administration and staff as needed. During the 2020-21 school year, meetings and conferences were held virtually.

The Sunset Site Council meets six times a year. Its membership consists of the principal, lead teacher, teachers, parents of students attending the school, the business community, and other community groups. The Site Council provides advice and counsel to the school in developing, implementing, and evaluating school performance goals and objectives. It also provides ongoing support for the students and staff of the school.

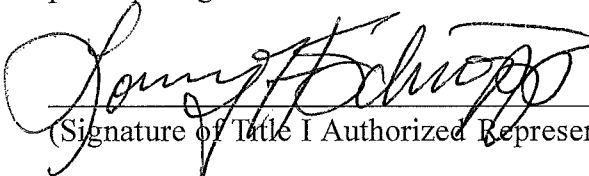
Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an active organization at our school. The PTA funds many items for teachers and students to use in the classroom. They also host many activities to encourage participation of Sunset families including fun night and Scholastic book fairs. Families are encouraged to join the PTA at the beginning of the school year and to attend monthly meetings to learn about what is occurring at school and to give valuable input into activities and functions being considered.


An annual Title 1 Parent Meeting is held. Parents are informed of Title I School-wide components and requirements and about the rights of parents to be involved in the Title I program. In addition, parents are given the opportunity to ask questions and provide suggestions.

Collaborating With Community

Sunset collaborates with community and business partners in a variety of ways. Activities include guest speakers, volunteers, financial donations, and student activities. Sunset participates in community service projects such as food drives, coat drives, and collecting donations. Partnerships this year consisted of: United Way; Bank of Tescott; and Salina Food Bank. Sunset also partners with Kansas Wesleyan Women's Soccer Team and Fort Riley for support with various school activities.

The Parent Involvement Policy was developed, reviewed and revised by Sunset Elementary School. The school will make this Parent Involvement Policy available to parents of participating Title I children and to the community.


(Signature of Title I Authorized Representative)


(Date)

PTA and Site Council were involved with the development, review or revision of this document: