



Parental Involvement

Canyon Grove Academy believes that ongoing involvement of parents is very important to the success of its students' education. To meet the Title I Schools a requirement, Canyon Grove has created and supports a strong parent-school partnership. As a Title I school, Canyon Grove encourages parent volunteerism and plans meaningful activities in which parents and families may participate.

Canyon Grove convenes a Title I orientation meeting annually, in conjunction with the "Back to School/Meet Your Teacher" night at the beginning of each school year. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. This meeting is used to inform parents of the school's participation under Title I and explain Title I requirements and the parents' rights to be involved. Teachers also inform parents regarding curriculum used in the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

A committee of parents is responsible for the construction and revision of this policy, in addition, to the development of the School-wide Title I Plan. This parent committee will meet twice a year, with additional meetings as deemed necessary for the improvement and benefit of the school. In addition to the parent committee, the executive board will utilize at least one elected parent representative and other appointed parent representatives as allowed or required by the charter or by-laws. Canyon Grove will provide parents with relevant information regarding parent involvement, their child's achievement, and the school's performance.

This will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Yearly Title I meeting
- Parent Literacy and Math Nights
- School performance records and proficiency level expectations distributed each school year through UCAS and summative test results
- Written communications from teacher, including
 - o Emails to parents
 - o Quarterly progress reports
 - o Formal standardized test scores reports
- Oral communication from teacher, including
 - o Phone and/or email contacts
 - o Conference opportunities (at least twice per year)
 - o Interaction at after-school functions
- School council meetings
- Newsletters
- A Parent and Administration question and answer session occurring at least once a term, with notes from the meeting emailed to parents
- Posting upcoming events on the school website
- Timely responses to parent suggestions through emails, telephone calls, notes and conferences
- Satisfaction surveys distributed to parents at least once a year

Parents, through the annual "Meet your Teacher Night" and the Canyon Grove Family Handbook, will be assisted in understanding the following: the National Education Goals, Utah's state content standards and student performance standards, school improvement process (when applicable), the Utah Criterion- Referenced Test (Sage), and Title I requirements. Translations will be provided to the extent possible, funded by Title I. Ongoing Parent Nights will provide opportunities for parents to participate in school related activities throughout the year. Consistent with the school's commitment to green education, the school will provide parents with electronic resources to help their

students at home in reading, math, and writing. Materials and information regarding child development and school achievement are also made electronically available to parents. Additionally, volunteer training seminars will be conducted at least once a year to train those individuals who desire to become active volunteers at the school.

The Parent Representative will inform the administration of parent concerns and/or activities when deemed appropriate by the Parent Representative. Canyon Grove will coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with programs such as the Federal Department of Education (through the distribution of brochures) and other programs to the extent feasible and appropriate. The Parent Representative is responsible for emailing parents, at least monthly, about volunteer and committee opportunities using volunteer and committee email aliases provided by the school.

The School Administration will work with various community organizations to further the school's interests and increase community involvement. The Parent Representative, in conjunction with parent committees, will develop a Parent-Teacher-Student Compact. This compact will outline how parents, the school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved students' academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build a partnership to help students achieve the state's standards. The contract shall address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis. The compact will be distributed to all parents through the Canyon Grove Family Handbook.

The school will accept suggestions and comments from parents on an ongoing basis. All data, comments, and suggestions, including unsatisfactory comments, regarding the Title I school plan and parent involvement policy, are collected and sent to the LEA. The Board considers this information when reviewing the Parent Involvement Policy and Parent Involvement Action Plan for the school.