## DIAMOND VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Diamond Valley Elementary School staff and parents, recognize the value of family and school staff collaborating and communicating with each other for the betterment of all students. We want, and will work toward, a school climate that is open, respectful, and helpful.

## POLICY INVOLVEMENT

- We define the word parent as "Any caregiver who assumes responsibility for nurturing and caring for children, including parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, stepparents, mentors, etc." Consequently, parent involvement is actually family involvement.
- We wish to meet the needs of all families, not just the most easily accessible.
- Time will be set aside during each monthly School Site Council meeting for parents to share concerns and successes in school/family communication and involvement.
- Diamond Valley Elementary School will hold an annual meeting to discuss the school's participation in the Title I program, the Parental Involvement Policy and the Family/School Compact.
- Diamond Valley Elementary School staff will schedule, if available, an annual training for anybody interested in helping students become more successful at school. The training will focus on strengthen parental involvement in their student's education and the state's academic content standards..
- Diamond Valley Elementary School staff will explore professional development that emphasizes the home/school connection and methods that support better communication with parents.
- Individual student assessment results will be provided to parents annually. Diamond Valley Elementary School staff will annually notify and educate parents on how to understand and interpret standardized test score results.
- A copy of grade level expectancies for individual grade levels will be sent home with students sometime during the first two weeks of school.
- The Parental Involvement Policy and Family/School Compact will be developed jointly with parents and school personnel.
- We will adopt or create an evaluation tool which assesses how well everyone is working together for the betterment of kids, how parents and staff feel about their home/school connection, and how we are progressing toward implementing the Parent Involvement Policy and the School-Parent Compact. The assessment tool will be utilized annually.

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