
Miramar Ranch Elementary School
Parent Involvement Policy

Local Education Agency Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Miramar Ranch Elementary School (**MRE**) has developed a written parental involvement policy with input from parents. This plan was developed with input from the School Site Council. Every year the School Site Council reviews and revises the plan to make sure it is accurate and effective. The School Site Council voted to approve this document.

The school distributes the policy to our MRE parents. This plan will be emailed out to all parents. In addition, it will be posted on our community bulletin board, added to our website and a paper copy will be available in the office.

The policy describes the means for carrying out the following parental involvement requirements [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(a)-(f) inclusive].

Parent Involvement

To involve parents at Miramar Ranch Elementary School the following practices have been established:

- The school communicates to inform parents of MRE students about MRE requirements and about the right of parents to be involved. This communication is done in conjunction with our School Site Council. Agendas are posted so that parents know when we will be discussing the policy. Our Parent Involvement Policy is presented annually at a Family Faculty Association (FFA) Parent Meeting.

- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for MRE parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening. Meetings are offered at various times of day so as to be convenient to parents. For example, FFA meetings rotate between morning meetings and evening meetings. English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meetings are held in the evening.

- The school involves parents of MRE students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's programs and the parental involvement policy.
 - Parents are closely involved in planning many of our programs. For example, parents work closely with teachers to develop our diversity and equity program. They also give input and support for our Art Program, Character Education and Family Science Nights. Our parents are highly involved in all aspects of the school. We have parents on campus volunteering every day.

- The school provides parents of MRE students with timely information about programs. Information about our programs is emailed out to parents in communication from administration. Important announcements are sent home via phone call, text message, email or paper flyers.

- The school provides parents of MRE students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Teachers explain the curriculum to parents at Back to School Night. At parent conferences, teachers explain to parents how their student is progressing in relation to Common Core proficiency levels. All parents attend at least one conference a year. Parents

of struggling students are required to attend two parent conferences a year. Parents can request a meeting with the teacher at any time during the school year.

- If requested by parents of MRE students, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Parents are invited to our Site Governance Meeting and School Site Council which take place once a month. Parents are also invited to Gifted and Talented Education(GATE) Parent Night, ELAC meetings and other meetings as scheduled which help parents understand our curriculum and expectations and give parents a chance to ask questions and give input.

School-Parent Compact

Miramar Ranch Elementary School distributes to parents of MRE students a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class; and opportunities to observe classroom activities

The Home School Compact was developed by the School Site Council. It is reviewed and revised every year and then sent out to parents.

Building Capacity for Involvement

Miramar Ranch Elementary School engages MRE parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices.

- The school provides MRE parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children. We have held regular coffee chats, GATE Parent Meeting, Diversity and Equity meetings. Art Corps workshops and ELAC Meetings to educate parents about the curriculum and to help them understand how to support their child at home.
- The school provides MRE parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement. Teachers meet with individual parents as needed to suggest ways to support students at home.
- With the assistance of MRE parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners. Our school has an extremely high level of parent participation. Parents are an integral part of our school.

- The school coordinates and integrates the MRE parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. We have a high level of parent participation in the classroom. Almost all of our parents participate in school events from volunteering in the classroom, attending special events, going on field trips, attending Family Science Nights. We also host meetings designed to educate parents in ways to support their child's education. These include Back to School Night, GATE Parent Meetings, Spring Open House and ELAC meetings.
- The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to MRE parents in a format and language that the parents understand.
- The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by MRE parents. Parents frequently suggest activities and programs for the school. Some of these suggestions are taken to Site Governance Committee, some are taken to the School Site Council and some are presented to MRE FFA. Many of the programs and activities we offer at our school were originally suggested by parents.

Accessibility

Miramar Ranch Elementary School provides opportunities for the participation of all MRE parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand. We send out information in a variety of formats in order to reach as many parents as possible. These include telephone calls, emails, paper newsletters and flyers, announcements on the marquee, announcements via the P.A. system, Instagram posts and a monthly posting in the Scripps Ranch Community Association Newsletter which is delivered to all residences in Scripps Ranch. When we have parents who do not understand English we provide translated material or we engage a translator for meetings.