

## **Appleview Elementary Parent Involvement Commitment**

Appleview teachers and staff are committed to providing a quality educational program that will challenge all children to reach their potential. When school and parents work together children succeed in school and throughout life. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Parents' support for their children and for the school is critical to the children's success at every step along the way.

To ensure that basic skills and knowledge are taught, we will hold educators accountable for effective teaching, hold students accountable for learning, and encourage parental involvement in every child's education. We will continually assess student growth in order to provide timely interventions and evaluate our instruction. Additionally, our teachers and staff will work collaboratively with parents and our community in the development, evaluation, and refinement of our school programs, including the Title I program.

Communication is the key to your involvement. To that end, we will provide you with ongoing communication concerning school events (via the building newsletter, district website and teacher communications), your child's academic progress (via conferences/report cards, progress reports, on-line access to grades and use of phone and e-mail to keep in touch). We welcome your input and perspective and encourage you to contact your child's teacher via the phone or e-mail with any concerns or positives! We welcome your presence and invite you to join us as a volunteer (in the classroom or with extracurricular events), as a PTC member, by way of attending conferences and student programs or offering your input via completion of our annual school survey. Your input is welcome at any time – in writing or in person. (Translators are available upon request for any parent meeting and to assist with translating any home-school communication.)

In addition, we will work to build your capacity to be an effective supporter of your child's learning. Look for communications on "how to read with your child", "how to best prepare your child for test-taking", "how to search the internet" etc., as we strive to provide you with materials and training to help you work with your child to grow their success at school.

Finally, Appleview agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

*Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—*

- (A) parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*