

Sparrow Road Intermediate School's Title I Parental Involvement Plan 2016-2017



Sparrow Road Intermediate's Parental Involvement Plan is based on the six types of involvement needed to have successful partnerships. The six types of involvement are listed below and a description of how Sparrow Road Intermediate is incorporating each is described.

1. *Parenting- is how we are assisting families with parenting skills and setting home conditions to support children as students, as well as, assist schools to better understand families.* Sparrow Road Intermediate (SRI) has monthly PTA nights that assist parents with helping their children be more successful. Themed nights include literacy night, math night, technology night, and fitness night. During Open House, administration addressed parents and explained the importance of their involvement nightly with homework and checking ParentVue on a regular basis. Additionally, SRI will be hosting a Mid-Year Open House in order to continue to keep parents connected and engaged. ESTAT is utilized to communicate strategies and interventions to parents of struggling learners providing them with the necessary tools to help students achieve success. This year, SRI is continuing to work on increasing parent involvement in school activities and the PTA will be hosting several themed parent/student events as well.

2. Communicating-is the ability to conduct effective communications from school-to-home and from home-to-school about school programs and student progress. Sparrow Road Intermediate uses Peach Jar, an online means of posting important information about school and community activities to parents. Additionally, we have the school website which is updated frequently to communicate information about the school. ParentVue accounts are available for all parents and provide updated grades and information on assignments/tests grades for students. SRI also utilizes the Parent Alert System (PAS) to send messages and important information to families. Each student is provided with an agenda, free of charge, with the entire school calendar included inside it. Parents also receive a communication notepad that can be used to relay information to the school about their child. The "SRI Parent Game Plan" newsletter is uploaded monthly to the school website in order to update parents on important and upcoming events at the school. Teachers schedule individual parent conferences to assist with effective communication between school and home. This year, as part of our continued PBIS implementation process, SRI is utilizing Class Dojo to communicate student behavior goals. The marquee is updated at least every two weeks to reflect current events. We have the "SRI's Press Box" parent involvement bulletin board is located in the front lobby with all necessary information and activities to keep parents fully informed. This year at Open House, parents also received a magnet with the 2016-2017 PTA dates and events. In order to document success of increased parent involvement, we have implemented the use of sign-in sheets at all PTA sponsored events for every adult in attendance 18 years or older.

3. Volunteering-organize volunteers and audiences to support the school and students. Provide volunteer opportunities in various locations and at various times. Sparrow Road Intermediate works closely with the PTA to create evenings full of active learning experiences for both students and families. Families are contacted to serve as chaperones and join classes on excursions and field trips throughout the year. Additionally, the building is always open and welcomed to parents and families allowing them to visit classrooms and/or eat lunch with their student(s). This year we will be participating in the US Navy's Fleet Week Volunteer Program. We are hoping to develop a more permanent relationship with local military. Also, this year Oak Grove United Methodist has adopted SRI as a community partner. They have already treated our teachers to some welcome back sweet treats and are committed to sponsoring identified students with backpacks stocked with food for the weekend. At the end of the year, a celebration party is held for all students who participate in SOL testing. Volunteers are encouraged to attend this event and join in on the celebration! We work in conjunction with our PTA to increase volunteers to assist in the classrooms and support our school throughout the year.

4. Learning at Home-involve families with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions. Parents are provided with ParentVue accounts which allow teachers to post academic websites and learning tools for students to use in the home environment. SRI participates in the PTA Reflections contest each year which bridges the gap between school and home. Families are provided with flyers and information on available Adult Education classes, GED, and ESL classes;

as well as information pertaining to the Parent Resource Center and the Special Education Advisory Committee. Parents are invited to the 5th grade promotion ceremony at the end of the year.

Additionally, rising fourth graders and their families that attend the Informational Night in the spring prior to attending SRI receive a book to read with activities to complete over the summer. Students that return the completed activities at the beginning of the school year receive a reward.

5. Decision Making-include families as participants in school decisions, and develop parent leaders and representatives. Parents are invited to all PTA meetings and encouraged to participate and offer suggestions for improvement. The PTA Board meets monthly and is comprised of parents, community members, teachers, and administrators. During this time, the PTA Board discusses ways to better support teachers and students at the school level and ways to increase parent and community involvement as well. Additionally, parents received a magnet with all the 2016-2017 PTA events listed so that they can make plans to attend in advance. Administration will meet with any family or community member with ideas on how to better the school community and work with these individuals to implement their ideas.

6. Collaborating with the Community-coordinate resources and services from the community for families, students, and school, and provide services to the community. SRI continues to develop relationships with many different organizations in the community who strive to help our school be a better place. This school year, Oak Grove United Methodist Church as adopted SRI in order to come

along beside us to support students with many different needs. They provide as much as they can to help our students at our request. The guidance department has arranged for Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance for struggling families to provide our students with happy memories of the holiday seasons. SRI has been selected to participate in Kidz Kruz this year. Administration works closely with the school psychologist and social worker to provide families with resources on ways to help their children. Through these different avenues of involvement, SRI works hard to build and sustain lasting relationships with the families and community. It is our belief that with effective parent involvement we can truly strengthen our academic program and ensure academic success for every student at Sparrow Road Intermediate.

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