



August 22, 2016  
**NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY  
FOR CARLOS COON ELEMENTARY  
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

1. **INVOLVEMENT POLICY:** Research states that successful students are those students whose parents are actively involved in their education. Carlos Coon developed a Parental Involvement Policy to determine HOW to involve parents to help their children to increase learning in school and experience success. The School-Parent Compact was also developed to ensure an understanding of the school's responsibilities and how parents can participate in the achievement of their children's academic goals.

A Special Parental Committee is established to include parents and teachers.

- A. Each year, parents are invited to a series of meetings.
  - a. PTA Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.
  - b. Family nights to understand classroom instruction so parents may assist their students at home. (Watch for this information)
  - c. STAAR nights for all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
  - d. Student Progress is shared with parents at conferences held throughout the year.
- B. Parent Involvement Committee Meetings
- C. Parents are provided with snacks and childcare to facilitate their attendance at these meetings. Dates, times and topics are announced in advance to provide parents an opportunity to make plans for the various meetings.

This year's theme is "Carlos Coon Strong." Our Staff is continuing to learn new methods and strategies to meet all students' academic needs through Differentiated Instruction extending the learning to our parents.

2. **PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT:** During the various meetings with parents, they are given program information such as Math, GT, Computer Labs, Counseling, Special Reading and Math classes, Vertical Teaming, Broadcasting and the Six Pillars of Character Awards. Periodic Reading Inventories and other tests given such as ITBS, STARR and the Cogat. The various services offered to students with special needs are also discussed.

3. **SCHOOL/PARENT COMPACT:** Parents and teachers developed The School/Parent Compact during regular monthly meetings. It was reviewed in May and changes were made. The compact is presented during parent orientation nights and distributed in August for parents to sign and return. The purpose of this compact is to show a shared responsibility between the school, the parents and students. A school wide student pledge was also developed for students to understand their responsibility at school and their learning process.

4. **PARENT TRAINING AND INVOLVEMENT:** “We Believe! That Every Child Will Learn.” Presentations are scheduled through out the year to help parents determine how their child is progressing in school, how parents can interact with teachers to help their children and how to get involved in the decision making progress about the education of the children in the school. The presentation includes Family Nights, such as Math, Reading, Science, Art, technology and STARR as well as PTA helpful presentations.

5. **ACCESSIBILITY:** Participation and involvement of all parents is very important. Information related to student progress, school performance, school and parent programs, and meetings are announced to give parents an opportunity to participate. Information about grades and student progress is also available through computer access-Parent Connection. This information is sent home in their home language whenever possible. Information is given via Student/Parent Handbook, flyers and bulletins, Marquee, Progress Reports and Report cards. We also ensure the ability of parents with disabilities to participate by providing handicapped access to all our building entrances, exits and parking areas.

**THIS POLICY COMPLIES WITH THE  
NORTHSIDE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
POLICIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**