

Eden Park Elementary School

Family Involvement Policy

2011-2012

As a Title 1 school, Eden Park believes that children improve their learning when there is a shared responsibility between the home and school. The role of the family is a critical component in the climate of the school and a major influence in academic development. Eden Park recognizes parents as a child's first and most important teacher. Strong school-family relationships can offer mutual support for teachers and home, increase involvement of families in school activities, and lead to even greater school success for all our students.

Eden Park's Title 1 program encourages all families to be involved in their child's education. This program describes the family involvement activities that will be conducted throughout the school year.

- ☆ Involvement in Title 1 Planning
 - Eden Park is committed in partnering with families to promote school success. The school provides opportunities for ongoing discussions between families and the school in order to understand how Title 1 services work and to continue discussions about how best to help our children academically.

- ☆ Eden Park's Support for Parent Involvement
 - Eden Park works in coordination with the Title 1 Family Center /COZ (Child Opportunity Zone) to offer opportunities for families to be involved with school. This includes activities like:
 - Parent Workshops (Choice, Leadership, etc.)
 - Dad & Me/ Mom & Me
 - Health & Safety Fair
 - Family Night, Math Night, Family Literacy Night
 - Breakfast with the Principal
 - Explaining & Reporting NECAP results
 - After school programs (4-H, literacy/numeracy focus, etc.)
 - Welcome Back to school celebrations

- ☆ A written compact that outlines the responsibilities of the school, the family, and the students is signed by all stakeholders.

- ☆ Open discussion between families and Eden Park are encouraged to develop activities within the school community.

- ☆ Eden Park partners with families and PTP (Parents and Teachers as Partners) for many events and programs both during the school day and after school.

- ☆ Increasing opportunities for involvement.

Eden Park builds strong family involvement by informing parents of the existence of and opportunities offered by:

- ❖ Title 1 Family Center (COZ)
- ❖ RI Parent Information Network (RIPIN)
1210 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, 02920
(401)270-0101, www.ripin.org
- ❖ Cranston Educational Advisory Board (CEAB)
- ❖ Special Education Advisory Board (SEPAB)
- ❖ Cranston Community Action Program (CCAP)

Eden Park also:

- ☆ Provides materials to support learning at home.
- ☆ Informs parents of their right to access their child's school records.
- ☆ Supports the PTP as an organization that promotes families' engagement and increases the opportunities for involvement.
- ☆ Provides parents an opportunity to have input into decisions about school policy and family involvement through the participation on the School Wide Planning Team and the Parent Involvement Committee.

Evaluation:

Eden Park School will gather data from the following sources:

- Annual Title 1 parent survey
- Attendance at Title 1 meetings
- PTP attendance sheets
- Volunteer/Visitor sign-in log

This data will be used by Eden Park to guide overall program efforts, to recommend strategies for improvement in all areas and to revise the Parent Involvement Policy.

This Parent Involvement Policy was written in collaboration with Eden Park parents, staff, and Title 1 Family Center.

If there are any questions, please contact Eden park school @ 270-8029