

**DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Ward Elementary School**  
**Parent Involvement Plan**  
**2023-2024**

At Ward Elementary School, we believe that all students can achieve their highest potential. Ward believes that it will take the entire school community for all the students to graduate with a 21st century education that ensures they are college and career ready, globally competitive, and citizens of strong character. Each member of the school community plays an integral role in securing high student achievement for all. Together, the staff, students, parents, and the community strive to build collaborative and trusting relationships with one another to continually improve teaching and learning. By building capacity in all the stakeholders, Ward Elementary prepares its students for continued success beyond their elementary education.

Our parents and the community are collaborative partners in ensuring our students meet or exceed grade level expectations. They are valued partners in the success of each and every student. Ward School recognizes the importance and effectiveness of a close partnership between school and home. It is to that end that we developed the following Parent Involvement Policy:

1. Engage parents/guardians in their children's education by providing them with the following:
  - Parent handbook - (Provided to all TK/K students and those students new to the District; All other students may access this document on-line under Parent Resources or request a copy from the front office)
  - Parent educational workshops
  - Opportunities to participate and contribute in English Learner Advisory Committee, School Site Council, and PTA meetings
  - Opportunities to volunteer in the classroom and school
  - Needs assessment surveys (Title 1 and LCAP surveys) - conducted yearly to provide our school feedback on our educational programs
  - Homework policies in accordance with district guidelines are instituted in all classrooms and discussed at Back-to-School Night
2. Inform parents/guardians of techniques and strategies to assist their children in learning at home through:
  - Back-to-School Night and Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - Parent Educational Workshops
  - Home-School Compact
3. Build consistent and effective communication between home and school.
  - Maintain the Ward website to provide parents with up-to-date information and post monthly calendar
  - Hold yearly parent-teacher conferences at the end of the first trimester

- Provide parents with additional information through monthly school newsletters, Parent Blackboard messages, Class Dojo messages, classroom bulletins, and social media
  - School communication is translated into Spanish
4. Inform parents/guardians of the school's goals and student achievement.
- Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) is available for parents/guardians
  - Student data on ELPAC, Running Records, i-Ready Reading and Math, Summative ELA and Math Assessments, and CAASPP will be reported in various meetings through PTA, ELAC, SSC, and Parent Annual meetings

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents. This policy was adopted by Ward Elementary School on May 23, 2023 and will be in effect for the 2023-2024 school year. The school will distribute this policy to the school community at Back to School Night or Parent Conferences and copies will be available in the front office or the Ward website on or before October 31, 2024.

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