

# *Teachers' Perceptions of Parent Involvement* *Elementary School*

The Washoe County School District's Parent Involvement Strategic Plan includes six (6) standards to be institutionalized in each school in the district. Each standard is listed below with several strategies to achieve those standards.

Please indicate how well you feel your Elementary School is implementing each of these strategies at this time by circling the number for each statement that closest represents how you feel. The term "parents" used throughout the survey refers to the person or persons who serve as the legal guardian(s) of the student(s).

Please indicate how you feel Anderson Elementary School is doing at this time by circling the number for each statement that closest represents how you feel.

| <b>1. Communicating:</b> Communication between home and school is <b>regular, two-way, and meaningful.</b>   |      |      |      |           |
|--|------|------|------|-----------|
| <i>How well does your school...</i>  | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| 1a. provide information to parents in a variety of ways (i.e., newsletter, e-mail, home visits, phone calls)?  | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 1b. provide all information in the parent's native language and at an appropriate literacy level?  | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 1c. disseminate information on topics such as school reforms, policies, discipline procedures, assessment tools, and school grades?                                | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 1d. provide staff development regarding effective communication techniques and the importance of regular, two-way communication between the school and the family? | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |

| <b>2. Parenting:</b> Parenting skills are promoted and supported.   |      |      |      |           |
|---|------|------|------|-----------|
| <i>How well does your school...</i>   | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| 2a. communicate the importance of positive relationships between parents and their children?                      | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 2b. link parents to family support services and resources in the community?                                       | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 2c. provide a central location where parents/families have easy access to information and resources on parenting? | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 2d. offer workshops, seminars, or trainings on parenting skills?  | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 2e. provide staff development regarding the promotion of parenting skills?  | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |

| <b>3. Student Learning:</b> Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.   |      |      |      |           |
|--|------|------|------|-----------|
| <i>How well does your school...</i>  | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| 3a. provide clear information regarding the expectations for students in each subject at each grade level?   | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 3b. provide clear information regarding student placement, student services, and optional programs?  | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 3c. assist parents in understanding how students can improve skills, get help when needed, meet class expectations, and perform well on assessments? | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 3d. provide opportunities for staff members to learn about successful approaches to engaging parents in their child's learning?                      | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 3e. explain and discuss students' results from assessments like the CRTs with parents, and share ways to improve students' scores?                   | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |

| <b>4. Volunteering:</b> Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought. |      |      |      |           |
|---|------|------|------|-----------|
| <b><i>How well does your school...</i></b>  | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| 4a. survey parents regarding their interests, talents, and availability to volunteer?                   | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 4b. maintain a system for contacting parents to volunteer throughout the school year?                   | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 4c. educate and assist teachers to effectively use volunteer resources?                                 | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 4d. match volunteer activities to volunteer interests and abilities                                     | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |

| <b>5. School Decision Making and Advocacy:</b> Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.   |      |      |      |           |
|--|------|------|------|-----------|
| <b><i>How well does your school...</i></b>   | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| 5a. provide workshops for parents that teach them to influence decisions, raise issues or concerns, and resolve problems at the school?  | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 5b. encourage the formation or activities of PTAs or other parent groups that respond to issues of interest to parents?  | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 5c. include and give equal representation to parents on decision-making and advisory committees?   | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 5d. provide training for staff and parents in how to be collaborative partners and share decision-making in areas such as policy, curriculum, budget, school reform, safety, hiring personnel, and other personnel issues? | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |

| <b>6. Collaborating with Community:</b> Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning.   |      |      |      |           |
|---|------|------|------|-----------|
| <b><i>How well does your school...</i></b>  | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| 6a. distribute to staff and parents information on community resources that serve the cultural, recreational, academic, health, social, and other needs of families within the community?     | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 6b. develop partnerships with local business, community organizations, and service groups to advance student learning and assist schools and families?  | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 6c. collaborate with community agencies to provide family support services and adult learning opportunities, enabling parents to more fully participate in activities that support education? | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |
| 6d. provide staff development on establishing community partners and using community resources?   | 0    | 1    | 2    | 3         |

*Thank you for completing our survey!*