

SUMNER COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICT PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The Sumner County School System will take the following action steps to establish a program, which will promote family involvement in schools and is consistent with the Tennessee Parent/Family Involvement Policy of the State Board of Education and the LEA Board policy on Family Involvement.

<p style="text-align: center;">NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Family Engagement 'Team' will complete leadership training offered by SDE through the Family Friendly Schools Institute, 2004-2005 SY. • A district-wide 'Family Survey' will be administered for the purpose of collecting data, which will help schools design family friendly practices. • A 'Family Involvement Committee' will be formed to develop a District Family Involvement Policy, identify barriers and make recommendations to schools to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, attendance and discipline. • Schools shall name a 'contact' person to facilitate communication and the exchange of information between the District Team, the Family Involvement Committee and school level personnel. • Principals' meetings will be used to highlight successful family involvement activities and practices throughout the school year. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PARENT COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The district website will be expanded to include parent access to achievement standards and assessment information. The Technology Coordinator will work with schools to develop websites, which are family friendly and provide parents the opportunity to learn about the course of study for their children. Teacher contact information will also be available on the school website. • The <i>SCS (Seeing Children Succeed)</i>, <i>Sumner County School News</i>, will inform parents as to how to access a variety of information and opportunities to participate in their child's education through its publication and distribution to all families four times per year. • A local radio program and local newspaper publications will be used to promote positive family and community partnerships with schools in Sumner County. • A Sumner County Schools Handbook will be distributed to communicate important policies, which support a quality-learning environment and engage families in preparing young people for the challenges ahead of them.
<p style="text-align: center;">SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND TEACHERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Family Resource Center shall offer support and information to families with resources and services within the community. Classes will be offered to assist families in learning parenting skills necessary to promote the full, healthy, development of their children. • Translation services will be provided to schools using the Trans-Act communication services. • Professional Development in the area of parent involvement will be planned and implemented through an on-going sustained program of study at the Sumner County Teacher Center. • The Sumner County Adult Education Program will provide services to adult learners which will recognize learner's needs, design ways to achieve individual goals and enable participants to become more productive citizens. 	<p style="text-align: center;">EVALUATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion box will be placed in the lobby of the Board of Education to seek continued input from parents, teachers and other interested parties concerning parent involvement policies and practices. Comments will be shared with the Parent Involvement Committee and the appropriate State Department of Education officials. • Principals' shall submit reports of activities to improve family and teacher cooperation and communication especially in the areas of homework, attendance and discipline for the SY 2005-06 to the Department of Instruction. • The Family Involvement Committee will review district practices and school level activities relating to family engagement. The committee will outline recommendations for improvement on a yearly basis and revise the District Parent Involvement Plan as needed.