

The Six Types of Family Involvement at Sugar Creek Elementary School

Parent input opportunity: please look over this list then answer:

- *What other family involvement ideas do you have?*

- *Other information might you want from your child's school?*

1. Parenting

- PBIS emails and school website give tips on behavioral management.
- Annual parent Nurtured Heart presentations.
- Junior Great Books
- Frequent targeted guidance shared, etc. "How Can I Help My Child With Math."
- Parent Orientation/Open House: share ways to support their child's learning.
- Surveys (climate, VASD, PBIS, etc.) to guide our work.
- Class newsletters provide academic and behavioral strategies (self-help skills, reading tips, etc.)
- Second Step Home Links worksheets in some classes.
- Home Behavior Matrix
- Behavioral strategies and tips (handouts) shared at school events

2. Communicating

- Weekly bilingual SchoolMessenger e-mails address all aspects of the school program (academic, enrichment, behavioral, special events and activities, etc.)
- VASD Family Contact Days
- Home visits
- Classroom newsletters/emails/apps (ClassDojo)
- PTO newsletters
- Principal Good News Phone Calls

3. Volunteering

- Message to parents: "Visiting, Volunteering and Chaperoning" - explained and encouraged.
- Field Trip chaperones and in-class volunteer opportunities

- “Volunteer Code of Ethics” created to support and encourage volunteering in our school.
- Training for Junior Great Books and Literacy Volunteers provided.
- Annual PTO survey to seek parent volunteers.
- PTO opportunities (Book Fair, Science Fair, Open House, Kindergarten Play Dates, etc.)

4. Learning at Home

- Parents are asked to support their children at home with such things as: special projects, reading with their child, checking Student Planners (older grades), behavioral supports, and academics.
- Imagination Fair family-involvement components
- Tic Tac Toe activity
- “Home and School Connection” articles shared
- Twice annual Report Cards
- Twice annual Parent-Teachers conferences
- Parent Writing and V-Math links on website

5. Decision Making

- Parent members sought for CIT, PBIS and Family Engagement Improvement Teams each year.
- Our Annual Parent Survey provides important parent guidance for our CIT.
- Monthly PTO meetings and committees give leadership opportunities.

6. Collaborating with the Community

- Badger Prairie Needs Network to support families in need
- Building Bridges to support families with child behavioral challenges
- School-wide monthly Community Gatherings.
- Intercambio Spanish/English classes for parents
- Kids Place for Birth - 5 year olds and families.
- Early Childhood Zone: access to community supports
- Mentor program between VAHS and SC students
- Edgewood partnership
- Dental Clinic
- Partner with Public Library for their summer program.
- Local businesses, fire station, police, city hall, etc., support field trips for curricular connections
- Restaurant nights
- Ice Age Trail, UW science departments, etc., or special events.