

## **Elgin Middle School Site Parental Involvement Policy**

Parents of Elgin Middle School students will be encouraged to participate in school activities, and will be kept informed about the programs and their child's progress. Communication and Cooperation between the school and home has been proven to improve student success.

The Site Parental Involvement Policy is to be fulfilled in the following manner:

1. Elgin Middle School may provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards. Elgin Middle School may provide assistance to parents regarding state and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
2. Elgin Middle School may provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement.
3. Elgin Middle School may educate teacher, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and how to build ties between parents and the school.
4. Elgin Middle School shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
5. Elgin Middle School may ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
6. Elgin Middle School may involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training.
7. Elgin Middle School may provide necessary literacy training from funds received under this part if the local educational has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training.
8. Elgin Middle School may pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
9. Elgin Middle School may train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.

10. Elgin Middle School may arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation.
11. Elgin Middle School may adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement.
12. Elgin Middle School may establish a district wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported under this section.
13. Elgin Middle School may develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities.
14. Elgin Middle School may provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.
15. Elgin Middle School may convene an annual meeting at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation and to explain the requirements, and the rights of the parents to be involved.
16. Elgin Middle School may offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning, or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visit, as such services relate to parental involvement.
17. Elgin Middle School may involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy.
18. Elgin Middle School may provide parents with timely information about programs; a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency level students are expected to meet.
19. If the plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.