

Overton Ray Elementary School
Title I
Parental Involvement Policy

Overton Ray Elementary School is creating the future by “inspiring every heart, every mind, every day”. We will accomplish this mission by providing an exciting, relevant curriculum, guided by a dedicated staff in a nurturing environment. The active role of parents and community leaders is vital to our children’s education, their ongoing success, and Overton Ray Elementary meeting the goals of its mission statement.

A major goal of Overton Ray Elementary is to encourage greater involvement of parents in the education of their children in partnership with the Title I program. The following outline is in compliance with legal requirements and in accordance with our philosophy of educating parents toward recognizing and fulfilling their involvement with their child’s education (Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994, Title I – Helping Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards, PL 103-382, Section 1118).

1. The mission of Overton Ray Elementary School is to educate students ***in a way that inspires them to be life-long learners***. In order to accomplish this mission, we will enlist the support and commitment of parents, students, and staff as outlined in our school compact. This compact describes ***expectations*** and commitments made by each individual in sharing the responsibility for promoting high student achievement.

Parents are urged to discuss the compact with their child before having their child sign it.

2. Home/school partnerships will be strengthened during the year through the following:
 - A. Campus Parental Involvement Coordinator
 - B. Bi-annual parent/student/teacher conferences
 - C. Frequent communication using e-mail, notes, home visits, and websites
 - D. Student handbooks
 - E. Homework folders
 - F. Weekly conduct and/or progress folders
3. There will be a coordination which will integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I and state-funded programs by the following:
 - A. Involve parents in PTO and other activities to increase their awareness of school opportunities for children ages 3-5.
 - B. Bi-yearly parent surveys regarding school climate and culture and assessment of volunteer opportunities.
 - C. A list of parental volunteer opportunities listed on the Burkburnett ISD webpage with periodic reminders on our campus Facebook page.
4. There will be an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Policy. The evaluation will be to:
 - A. Determine the effectiveness of the policy in increasing the participation of parents.
 - B. Identify barriers to greater participation by parents, giving particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, have special needs, have limited English proficiency, limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background.
5. The findings of the evaluation will be used in designing school improvement and revising, when necessary, the parental involvement policies.