

# Parental Involvement Plan

## Mulkey Elementary School

Mulkey Elementary School believes that in order to achieve optimal student success and achievement, there must exist a conscious and collaborative partnership between parents and the school. Parents of Mulkey Elementary students are encouraged to learn as much as possible about the educational programs and activities at their child's school. This is encouraged and communicated to parents by the school through various means. Mulkey Elementary School has adopted the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs.

Listed below are the activities under the six standards that Mulkey Elementary School has incorporated to promote parental involvement:

### **Regular communication between home and school is two-way and meaningful.**

- The Geneva City Schools parent-student handbook is provided at the beginning of each school year. School and program information as well as school expectations are included as is a school calendar.
- Progress and report cards are sent home each grading period with dates listed in the parent-student handbook. Parents may also sign up for the PowerSchool Parent Portal. During open house, the counselor is available so that parents may obtain their username and password.
- The School-Parent Compact is included in the parent-student handbook to foster the development of a partnership to increase student success.
- State testing scores are sent home each school year. Parents may request a conference in order to go over these results.
- Geneva City Schools and Mulkey Elementary have websites where parents and students can obtain information as well as various social media accounts.
- Many teachers use the Remind application in order to inform parents of activities and assignments. Parents may text back to the application any questions or comments they may have.
- One Call Now is used by administration to deliver pertinent information to parents.

**Parenting skills are promoted and supported.**

- Parents are notified and informed of academic and disciplinary issues.
- Parents are included on various advisory committees.
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer during various events.
- Parents are provided with resources to help their child improve in the areas of reading and math.

**Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.**

- Information is provided to parents to help them understand the importance of continuing the learning process at home.
- A Kindergarten parent orientation meeting is held on the first day of Start First to help aide in the transition process.
- Parents are invited to attend parent-teacher conferences as well as other meetings.
- Parents are provided access to the PowerSchool Parent Portal to help the monitor attendance and grades for their student.

**Parents are welcome in school and their support and assistance is sought.**

- The main office maintains a welcoming environment.
- Parent volunteers are solicited for various events, such as the Book Fair and other class activities.
- Parents are invited and encouraged to attend an annual Open House at the beginning of the school year.

**Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.**

- Parents are provided with the student-parent handbook which has all school and system policies and expectations.
- Parent concerns are addressed by administration in a respectful manner.
- Parents are given opportunities to participate in the development of the school's continuous improvement plan as well as other plans and committees.
- Parents are invited to become members of the PTO.
- A parent survey is given annually so that parents may easily express ideas, opinions, and concerns.

**Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning.**

- Parents are provided with information regarding cultural, recreational, academic, health, social, and other resources that serve the family within the community.

## Yearly Parental Involvement Activities

- \*Annual Open House
- \*Mulkey Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- \*Honor Society Field Trip
- \*Awards Day Programs
- \*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum
- \*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Show
- \*Lady Liberty Program
- \*SGA Elections
- \*Fall Festival
- \*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony
- \*Parent Night at the Book Fair during Read Across American Week
- \*Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- \*Field Day
- \*Holiday Activities: Kindergarten – Thanksgiving Feast, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Christmas Around the World/Polar Express, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Christmas

Additional Information:

The School-wide Plans' availability to parents:

The School-wide Plan will be available to parents. A hard copy is kept in the counselor's office and the school library. These plans are available to view upon request. The principal will discuss the plans with parents on an individual basis by appointment.

Assessment in language parents understand:

Student assessment results will be discussed and explained to parents by teachers during individual conferences. Parents can ask questions regarding test data. The principal and counselor will be available to attend conferences to explain test data as needed.

Parent involvement in policy making:

Parents are involved in many aspects of policy making and revisions. Parents are involved in updating the annual School-wide plan and serve on various committees that help to revise other plans.

Mulkey Elementary addresses issues such as making good choices and decisions in a variety of ways. A selection of these are listed below:

- Whole class guidance classes are taught at least 5-6 times per year. A variety of topics are covered, including but not limited to, bullying, empathy, drug awareness, gun safety, safe and unsafe touch, and being a leader.
- Guest speakers visit throughout the school year.
- Pathways Curriculum / Peer Helper Program