

Truman Elementary School
Home of the Trailblazers
Parent Participation Plan
2021-22

The Truman Elementary School staff is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in our school. When parents, school staff, and community members work together all children can make the academic and social gains required to be productive citizens. **This document is designed to provide parents with the information they need to stay informed about student progress and to learn about activities and programs that are offered at Truman for all students.**

Truman staff members believe that improving student academic achievement requires parents to have an understanding of curriculum, academic achievement standards, assessments, district/school policies and procedures, and how to work with teachers to monitor their children's progress. Every attempt will be made to clearly communicate information in the parents' native language in a timely manner.

Parent Participation Plan- Truman staff will jointly revise, with parent input, the school Parent Participation Plan in the fall of each year. The plan will be distributed to parents and the local community in newsletters, during PTA meetings, parent information meetings, on Curriculum Night, and will be posted on the school website at www.vansd.org (Truman Elementary site). Copies will also be available in the school office.

Later in the school year, the School-Parent Compact will be reviewed and revised with the input of parents for the following school year.

Schoolwide Improvement Plan-Parent Advisory Meetings are scheduled throughout the school year to develop/review the School Improvement Plan and coordinate other parent involvement opportunities. Building demographics, and assessment results will be reviewed to ensure that schoolwide programs are meeting the needs of all students, especially those performing below grade level in reading and math.

Parent-Teacher Conferences-Parents are provided an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers during the district's scheduled conference days on October 20-22, 2021. During the fall conference time the Parent/School Compact will be discussed and signed. Spring Teacher-Parent conferences are also scheduled in April. Parents are encouraged to meet with their children's teachers at any time during the school year. Throughout the academic year, all parents will be provided with reasonable access to staff and opportunities to participate in a variety of building sponsored activities.

Title I Annual Meeting- Parent Advisory (Learning Improvement Team) Meetings will be held in October 2021 to discuss Truman's participation as a Title I School wide site and rights of parents to be involved.

Curriculum, Assessment & Proficiency Levels- All parents will be notified of their child's assessment scores and eligibility for additional academic help during the school day, after school, or in summer programs. Parents are informed of student progress via the goal setting

conferences in the fall, trimester report cards, and other times during the school year that parents and/or staff feel it necessary. Parents are encouraged to request information regarding their child's academic progress at any time from the school staff.

Truman Elementary students are instructed by teachers trained in the use of Reading Wonders. Students requiring additional reading help may participate in programs such as Phonics for Reading, Boost and Blitz, and Read Naturally. All students in grades K-5 are instructed using Eureka Math. Students are assessed in a variety of ways including iReady, Wa Kids/TS Gold, the Smarter Balance Assessment and curriculum-based measures.

Ways parents can become informed of student progress and programs offered at Truman:

- Attend your child's conference in October
- Go through your child's backpack and papers each night and discuss their work and any announcements that come home
- Sign up to receive school information via email
- Set up Canvas and SeeSaw accounts
- Attend our Back to School Social before school starts
- Attend our Virtual Curriculum Night (September 16th, 6:00-7:00) to learn about your child's classroom and teacher
- Check the Truman Web Page regularly for information on events and programs at Truman
- Contact your child's teacher by phone or email if you have any questions
- Contact the principal, associate principal, or counselor if you need assistance that the teacher cannot provide
- Sign the Parent/School Compact and go over it with your child
- Sign up for our Parent @ccess feature so that you can monitor your child's attendance and academic information on line. Forms come home in the first day packets every year, or you can request an application at any time from our school office.
- Look closely at your child's report card and contact the teacher if you have any questions or concerns
- An annual meeting to inform parents of Truman's participation as a Title I Schoolwide site, the requirement of Title I, and the rights of the parent to be involved, will occur at our PTA meetings in September or October.

Things teachers/staff will do to communicate with parents:

- Inform parents of student academic and behavioral progress at conferences or by phone, email, or notes home as needed.
- Every effort will be made to share information in a family's native language during conferences and special events
- District interpreters will be asked to notify parents of events by calling and talking with them personally. Parents will also be encouraged to talk with the interpreter if there are questions or concerns so that they can be communicated to the appropriate school personnel.
- Use our automated phone calling system to inform parents of absences or remind them of special activities
- Post information on Truman's Facebook page and Twitter accounts
- Use Blackboard and SeeSaw to communicate with families
- Send a parent newsletter home each month providing information about upcoming events and programs both at Truman and throughout the district and community.

- Post information on the school web site- www.vansd.org – go to Truman
- Assessments in reading and mathematics will be given to determine a child’s academic needs so that they can receive the proper instruction
- Programs specially designed to fit student needs will be incorporated into each child’s day as appropriate. These might include:
 - Advanced placement in reading and mathematics
 - Small group instruction in reading and mathematics

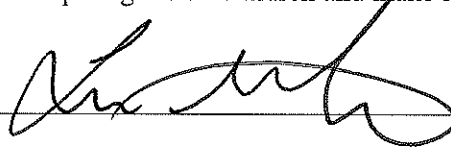
Parents are invited and encouraged to get involved at Truman in the following ways:

- **Read school/district communications and keep the school updated with your contact information**
- Be a classroom volunteer (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Be a reading/math tutor (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Be a health screening volunteer (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Attend student performances and school events (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Attend PTA sponsored events (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Attend Family Nights (as COVID guidelines allow)
- Serve on our PTA (Parent Teacher Association)
- Attend PTA meetings and/or volunteer for PTA events - virtual
- Attend parent education evenings such as Curriculum Night
- Be a field trip chaperone (as COVID guidelines allow)

The Truman Parent Participation Plan has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed upon with, parents of children participating in a Schoolwide Title I program, as evidenced by meeting minutes, parent sign-in, and meeting agenda on file in the school office.

The Parent Participation Plan for Truman Elementary will be shared/revised by October 30th, 2021 and will be in effect for the period of the 2021-22 school year. The school will distribute this Parent Participation Plan to all parents of participating Title I children and make it available to the community on or before October 30, 2021.

Signature of School Principal: _____



Date: November 1, 2021