



Parent Involvement Plan

Parents/Guardians are expected to bring students to school every day on time. Parents are also responsible for monitoring student's assignments, homework and school-related tasks.

The Academy strongly encourages parents/guardians to volunteer a minimum of eight (8) hours per school year. A calendar will be provided to parents/guardians stating the available times and dates that one may volunteer. Eight (8) hours may be completed in one (1) day or in several short blocks of time. A parent/guardian may chaperone on field trips, supervise during special activities, attend a child's class, assist teachers with daily routines, monitor halls and/or the lunch room.

The Dearborn Academy routinely involves parents in their children's education through the following means.

At the time of enrollment, parents are acquainted with the Student/Parent Handbook. Along with their students, they are asked to sign the Parent/Student Contract, which is then placed in the student's CA-60. This way, parents understand basic school policies and agree in writing to adhere to them.

An Open House is held at the beginning of each school year. We invite parents to visit classrooms, meet their children's teachers, get acquainted with curriculum, and further discuss school policies.

Parents join teachers for quarterly Parent-Teacher Conferences. The fourth quarter conference is student-led; students showcase their work and, in their own words, they share what they have learned with their parents.

Additional meetings for parents include those related to discussion and interpretation of student MEAP scores and the Annual Education and EdYes! Reports.

Many parents participate in Career Day. People from all career areas visit classrooms to explain the type of education they have received and the nature of the work they do on a daily basis. This is a prime opportunity for parents and other adults in the community to give encouragement and guidance to aspiring students.

The Dearborn Academy holds an annual Scholastic Book Fair in the spring. Parents can visit the school at that time in order purchase quality reading material for their students.

Also in spring, The Dearborn Academy sponsors Reading Bingo. Teachers and students and their families contribute books they have finished reading and no longer need. All participants then play many varieties of Bingo to win books as prizes. This activity is held to encourage student reading and parent involvement in their student's literacy progress.

During Readers Are Leaders month, leaders from the community come in to the school to speak to children about the importance of reading. Parents are welcome to participate at this time as well, either as speakers or observers.

Parents join teachers and students in a unique and lovely way on Special Persons Day. On that day, students bring parents and guardians to join them for an afternoon of fun-filled classroom, art, and baking activities.

Each year, parents enjoy an annual Winter Fest and spring Talent Show, which both showcase the students' finest talents.

Parents have many ways and opportunities to volunteer at The Dearborn Academy. Field Day, Halloween activities, Honor Roll movies, MEAP Skating parties, Earth Day activities, the Science Fair, and the Spring Fling all give parents a special avenue to participate. Also, teachers can always use an extra hand for classroom activities or special, curriculum-related field trips. Staff can always use assistance for hallway and lunch room monitoring.

The Parent Involvement Committee has been especially active in organizing the Candy Gram sale on Valentine's Day and assisting in the annual Canned Food Drive. Parent input on the School Improvement Plan is solicited and appreciated.