



### **Woodview Elementary Parent Involvement Policy**

The staff at Woodview Elementary believes that schools function best when parents take an active role in their child's education and encourage them to do well. Research indicates that the leading predictor of student success is parental involvement. For this reason, Woodview Elementary includes parents in every aspect of the education program. The building school improvement/schoolwide planning process relies heavily on parental input. In addition, parents are asked to volunteer time in various ways from working in classrooms to serving on the PTO and beyond. Woodview adheres to the Belding Area Schools District Parent Involvement Policy in the following manner:

- An annual Title I parent meeting is held at the beginning of each year to explain Title I programs, tour the building, review the Grade Level Content Expectations for student achievement and offer parents an opportunity for input.
- Annually, a welcome back celebration takes place to make the school a welcoming place for students and parents.
- Annually, parent nights are held to review new curricular programs and to help parents better work with their students at home on academic matters.
- Parent/teacher conferences are held twice annually to discuss student progress and to allow for parental input.
- Parents are an integral part of the school excellence/schoolwide planning team at Woodview. This allows parents to be a part of the design, implementation and evaluation of the schoolwide plan as well as the building decision making process.
- Newsletters are sent home on a regular basis from the school and individual teachers to foster communication with parents and inform parents of activities in the building.
- Teacher contact information is on the district website to allow parents to phone or email all building employees with questions or concerns.
- Progress reports and report cards are sent home regularly to inform parents of students' progress toward mastery of learning targets.
- Staff is inserviced annually on topics that further their ability to communicate with parents and involve them in their child's education.
- Woodview Elementary has a School/Parent Compact.
- Skyward Student Management System is available for parents online to track information regarding their child's daily activities at school and their academic progress.
- Parent involvement is evaluated annually and strategies are devised to improve deficient areas.
- Parents and staff complete perception surveys to monitor and get feedback on parental involvement.
- Bi-lingual staff is available as necessary to ensure parents receive information in their native language.
- The school has formed many collaborative partnerships with community agencies to coordinate additional support for students and families.