

# Pearl Lean Parent Involvement Policy

## PEARL LEAN MISSION STATEMENT

The Pearl Lean Staff, in partnership with parents and community, is dedicated to educating our children intellectually, socially, and emotionally; therefore empowering them to become responsible citizens, lifelong learners and positive contributors to our ever changing world.

Pearl Lean commits to:

- Providing information to parents new to the school through kindergarten “Meet the Teacher” activities, the kindergarten orientation meeting, and principal-led tours of the school for new families throughout the school year.
- Providing a parent-student-teacher compact at the beginning of the school year to clarify expectations and encourage 2-way communication.
- Hosting “Meet the Teacher” night at the beginning of every school year in order to communicate individual teacher’s policies and expectations.
- Making available materials intended to enhance parents’ ability to affect their child’s educational and emotional development. Written manuals will be prominently displayed in the school and may be available in other languages at parent or teacher request.
- Providing current, accurate online information with regard to educational resources available to parents and students through the school and district websites (e.g. Grolier Online Encyclopedia, Study Island, Harcourt Math link, Blackboard).
- Arranging FLEXIBLE, scheduled parent/teacher conferences as well as conferences with teachers and/or support staff at parent’s request.
- Disseminating current information about upcoming parent meetings through notes home, the website and the automated phone system.
- Facilitating parent involvement in their child’s education through classroom newsletters, Friday Folders, and online sites such as Blackboard or teacher web pages.
- Operating and disseminating information about academically-oriented programs for students in which parents may take a supporting role (e.g. Accelerated Reader, Study Island, District Summer School and Camp Read).
- Providing regular support to parents through school newsletter columns (counselor and school psychologist newsletter contributions), and parenting programs (Love and Logic).
- Providing information regarding the school’s Title I initiatives. The venue for these discussions will be at pre-announced PTO meetings held periodically throughout the school year.
- Facilitating parental involvement by providing information in major languages spoken at the school, as a result of parent or teacher requests.