

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY
CANE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL ~ DR. LORA HALL
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PARENTS ARE PARTNERS AT CANE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Parental involvement is an important part of student and school success. At Cane Ridge High School, we will strengthen our home-school-community partnership to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. Parents are important influences in helping their children achieve high academic standards. When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children are more successful and schools improve. You, as parents, are partners in your child's education and are encouraged to be actively involved. Listed below are ways in which parental involvement is endorsed at Cane Ridge High School.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

- Parent surveys are sent home and used to gather suggestions on improving and strengthening the school and the Title I Program.
- A Parent-School Compact is jointly developed and distributed to all parents, teachers, and students to be signed.
- Parents receive information at parent meetings, open house, through the Connect Ed call-out system, mailings, and on the school website regarding the school improvement plan, parent involvement policy, parent-school compact and how to participate in the school Title I program.
- Parents are contacted by telephone, in their native language when applicable, regarding their student. Phone logs document these communications.
- Parents are informed of the school curriculum and expected proficiency levels by receiving copies of the Metro Academic Standards and through various assessment reports (report cards, ThinkLink data, GradeSpeed, TCAP analyses, and progress reports).

MEETING WITH PARENTS

- PTSO meetings are held on a regular basis.
- A school Open House is held to welcome parents and students and to provide information about our school and the Title I Program.
- Family and parent workshops are provided throughout the year addressing student needs.
- Parent conferences are scheduled in October. Interpreters are available when needed. Parents and teachers can request additional parent teacher conferences as needed.

ACTIVE PARENT PARTICIPATION

- Parent involvement opportunities will be advertised in a timely manner through the use of newsletters, flyers, website, and the Connect Ed call-out system.
- Parents are invited to attend classroom activities, field trips, award assemblies, and to volunteer with all school-wide announced activities.
- Parents are involved in writing and implementing parent involvement policies including the Parent Involvement Plan, the Parent-School Compact, and the School Improvement Plan.
- A suggestion box is available in the front lobby for parent concerns, questions and comments.
- Parents are encouraged to join the School-wide Planning Committee and the PTSO and may request opportunities to offer suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Cane Ridge High School uses resources from community organizations, local businesses, and Pencil Partners to promote the involvement of parents and increase student academic achievement.