

2017 – 2018

Columbia Elementary Parental Involvement Policy

In accordance with Federal Law [20 U. S. C. 6318(b), (c), (e)], Columbia Elementary has developed and distributed this parental involvement policy.

❖ Twice per year, a day and an evening, Columbia Elementary will present the Title 1 program, benefits, and parents' rights to be involved. –These meetings will be advertised on the school website, on the school's community bulletin board, marquis, in a letter sent home in the first day packet, and in a letter sent to every home in Spanish and English.

❖ A Title I Leadership Team has been established. The team consists of parents, certified and classified staff and administration. This team will meet at least quarterly, to review, revise, and discuss progress and effectiveness of this policy and of the Title I plan.

❖ Parents will be informed of the Utah Common Core Curriculum taught in the school through teacher disclosure statements, discussions of proficiency standards, academic assessments used to measure student progress, and expected grade level proficiency standards. Grade specific curriculum standards will also be sent home at back-to-school night.

❖ Parents will receive materials and training on how to support and work with their students to improve their academic achievement in the following ways:

- Family nights through out the school year that will highlight student learning.
- Parent academic support classes to help parents assist students at home with assignments.
- English classes to support parents with mastery of the English language.
- Access to school materials, internet and media to complete assignments.
- A school wide monthly newsletter that will include tips on how to assist students with learning.
- Homework packets, home notes, communication folder, e-mails and teacher phone calls home to parents.

❖ Parents will have access to the Family Learning Center at Columbia Elementary where they can receive training on how to be teachers of their children at home and advocates for their own and other children. Parents will have access to a library and computers for learning.

❖ Columbia Elementary will coordinate with community agencies as deemed appropriate.

❖ Columbia Elementary will provide critical written home communication in Spanish and in English, to the extent possible. We will also provide Spanish interpreting services, to the extent feasible.

❖ Some programs will be held in the evenings to accommodate parent schedules.

❖ Columbia Elementary is committed to providing clear and frequent communication to parents, and opportunities for families to participate in student achievement and other school activities.