

DAVIES
PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY
2011-2012

William M. Davies, Jr. Career & Technical High School understands that engaging parents in the education process is essential to improved academic and technical success for students. It further recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family during the entire time a child attends school. Davies shall foster and support active parent involvement so that Davies and parents work together as knowledgeable partners in educating children.

The Davies community is diverse in culture, language, needs and shares the school's commitment to the educational success of their children. Davies' parents, teachers, administrators and staff recognize our responsibility to eliminate barriers that impede family involvement and to create an environment supportive of comprehensive family involvement programs that have been developed in collaboration with parents. The purpose of this policy is to assist with engaging parents in the process of establishing programs and practices that reflect the specific needs of our students and families.

Davies supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of a parent involvement program at Davies that includes parents at all grade levels in a variety of roles. Parent involvement activities and initiatives will be comprehensive and coordinated in nature. They will include, but not be limited to the following components of successful parent/family involvement based on the requirement of Section 1118 of the "No Child Left Behind" and the National PTA's National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs

COMMUNICATION

Parental Involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communications involving student academic and technical learning and other school activities. Davies and parents will communicate using a variety of tools in multiple languages, including but not limited to, monthly newsletters, email, phone contact, website, Alertnow voice system, evening meetings and parent/teacher conferences.

PARENTING AND STUDENT LEARNING

- ❖ Davies links parents to support services and community resources by developing partnerships with local businesses, community organizations, and service groups to advance student learning and the needs of families.
- ❖ Davies shares information with parents and students through the school website, newsletters and all Professional Development sponsored by Davies.
- ❖ The Davies Parent Visitation Night gives staff an opportunity to provide parents with a description of the following:
 - Course outline/syllabus
 - Course expectations
 - Placements
 - Student Services
- ❖ Davies involves parents with the Transition from High School to Post Secondary Education and Careers through the Work Base Learning Plan Agreement with parents developed by the School to Career Office.

VOLUNTEERING

- ❖ Davies parents are encouraged to volunteer through the Parent and Family Council Events and Title I Community for Public Relations (CPR) Committee.
- ❖ To support various Davies school activities including but not limited to, Reading is Fundamental book distribution, Freshman Orientation, Future Student Night, Spring Davies Showcase and Scholastic Book Sales.

SCHOOL DECISION-MAKING AND ADVOCACY

- ❖ Davies parents are given the opportunity to participate and provide input in the Title I Initiates and Budget Review.
- ❖ Davies parents and students are encouraged to join any of the following committees: Parent and Family Council, Davies Special Education Advisory Committee, Davies Board of Trustees (Parents are appointed by Board of Trustees once a month) and other parent groups that empower parents with their role at Davies.
- ❖ Davies provides training for staff and parents in how to be collaborative partners and share decision-making in areas such as policy, curriculum, budget, school reform, safety and personnel issues.

ADOPTION

The Davies Career and Technical High School Parental Involvement Policy has been reviewed jointly with, and agreed upon with, parents of children actively enrolled at Davies, which is a Title 1 school the policy is reviewed annually in the spring and distributed to all parents of Davies students and staff in the Fall.

The policy was accepted on 5/18/2011 for submission to the Davies Career and Technical High School, Board of Trustee.