

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

AKIACHAK, AKIAK, AND TULUKSAK SCHOOLS
2005-2006 and 2006-2007 School Years

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Yupiit School District, working with Yuuyaraq as a foundation, is to ensure all children are happy and able to learn and succeed in any environment.

Objectives:

To provide every child an opportunity to complete high school and possess the skills needed to pursue further education of their choice.

To partner with parents and the community to ensure that every child becomes a whole person and is a contributing member of society.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Communicating** – *communication between parents and the school is very important. We believe that effective communication can increase student success in school. Here are some ways in which our schools and our parents can ensure communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful:*

- Parent-teacher conferences – twice a year
- Newsletters
- Quarterly progress reports
- Student report cards
- Student handbook
- YSD website, individual school and classroom websites
- Written notes, phone calls to parents
- Home-school compact

2. **Student Learning** – *Examples include information on ways that parents can support their children's learning by assuring good attendance, homework completion, etc. Here's how our schools help connect parents to their children's learning:*

- Family Literacy Nights
- Encouraging attendance at after-school programs
- Attendance at school assemblies
- Attendance at parent-teacher conferences
- Parents Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK)
- Attendance at school-community library activities

- Encourage student attendance at summer school
 - Parent Day
3. **Volunteering** – *There are many opportunities for volunteerism during and outside regular school hours. Here's how our schools welcome parents in the school and seeks their support and assistance:*
- Welcoming atmosphere at school
 - Halloween Carnival
 - Winter Bazaar
 - National Honor Society activities
 - Booster club
 - Parent volunteers
 - Christmas program
4. **School Decision Making and Advocacy** – *It is important that parents attend meetings where they can make suggestions and participate in decision-making about the education of their children. Here is how our schools ensure that parents are involved in the decisions that affect children and families.*
- Annual School Report Card mailing to all families
 - Annual parent meeting at the beginning of the school year
 - Parent Advisory Committee
 - Teacher Assistance Team meetings
 - Local Advisory School Board meetings
 - School Improvement community meetings
 - Strategic Plan
5. **Collaborating and communicating with Community** – *It is important that the schools utilize community resources, develop partnerships, foster student participation in community service. Here is how our schools strengthen school programs through collaboration with community resources.*
- Open House
 - School climate surveys
 - National Honor Society activities
 - Elders in the schools
 - Culturally grounded content area curriculum developed by teachers, elders, and community experts
 - Faith-based activities through each community church
 - Church Youth Group
 - Umyuartyaaraq
 - Community nights for boys and girls through the schools
 - Attendance at school assemblies

