

**Ed Von Tobel Middle School
Parent Involvement Plan
2015-2016**

To build leaders of tomorrow, the staff, parents and community of Ed Von Tobel Middle School are committed to student learning and achievement in a safe environment that embraces diversity. It's all about learning.

This Parent Involvement Plan has been jointly developed and agreed upon by Ed Von Tobel Middle School and Parent Involvement Committee Members.

The School's Parent Involvement Plan, developed by Ed Von Tobel Middle School, will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in both Spanish and English. Monthly Parent Advisory meetings will provide parents opportunities to voice opinions and make suggestions regarding their Plan.

The Educational Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review Accords prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accords when needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions.

Ed Von Tobel Middle School, in order to build the school's and parents' capacity for strong performance provides:

Families with information that build a positive home environment that supports learning.

Von Tobel provides parents/guardians with a Parent Newsletter that includes: school profile, homework schedule and policy, bell schedule, activities and athletics, School Accountability Summary Report, Counselors' Corner Communication, both in English and Spanish, regarding grades, attendance, missing assignments available 24/7 via Infinite Campus, Deans' Corner covering dress and appearance. Limited English Proficient (LEP) parents/guardians were given an LEP Accommodation form for their child. Parents receive training on given iPads to access curriculum at home.

Communication from school to families about school programs and students' progress.

Von Tobel's Open House is used as a tool to disseminate school information.

- Parents/guardians are reminded of the importance of guiding and encouraging the development of their child's skills and knowledge. The booklet "Curriculum Overview for Middle School Grades" is given to each parent/guardian to help them understand what is expected of their child at each grade level in the core academic areas.

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- Parents/guardians are given a survey to express their concerns and to give them an opportunity to offer suggestions and participate in future school Family Program activities.

Von Tobel staff members translate letters and materials sent home from English into Spanish. Bilingual staff attends parent conferences and makes phone calls regarding attendance, academics, and behavior.

Volunteer at school or in classrooms; attend student performances, sports and/or other events.

Parent volunteer requests are made each year in August. Parent volunteers are trained by VTMS to help out in different areas of the school.

Parents are invited to participate in several Academic Family Nights throughout the year. Family nights promote literacy, mathematics, and the STEM program on campus.

Parents are invited to attend all student performances, sporting events, awards night and eighth grade promotion ceremony.

Learning at home--parent-initiated, student-initiated, and teacher-directed discussions about homework or school subjects.

During Open House, parents/guardians are informed that communication regarding grades, attendance, missing assignments is available 24/7 via ParentLink. Letters are sent to parents/guardians instructing them how to access their child's attendance, grades, and assignments by telephone, computer, and iPad.

Adult ESL classes are available for parents three nights a week.

Monthly parent advisory committee meetings are used to promote academics as well as to inform parents about school and community resources and events, student grades, behavior guidelines and the importance of good attendance.

Decision-Making - hold participatory roles in parent-teacher-student organizations, school advisory councils, school improvement teams, and other school committees.

At Von Tobel's monthly parent meetings (Coffee with the Counselors), the principal discusses with parents/guardians Von Tobel's school-wide academic expectations, school improvements, safety and security, the importance of parent involvement, Title I updates, and upcoming social

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and academic events, offers free adult English language classes and asks for volunteers for Von Tobel Parent Advisory and District Parent Advisory Council. Every month, reminders are sent home to each parent with date and times of the Parent Advisory Meeting, in both Spanish and English.

Collaboration with Community – share responsibility for young people’s education and their future successes.

Von Tobel students participate in Gear-Up and After School All-Stars which offer journalism, science, math, computer, ELL classes and homework assistance. Von Tobel teachers and students participate in “College Awareness Day” in October, 2015. The Homework Hotline is partnered with Vegas PBS, Cox Communications, and Nevada Power Company.

Materials and training to help parents work with their children.

Ed Von Tobel Middle School, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinates with Gear Up’s Family advocate to provide parent training. In addition, a variety of resources are provided to parents to provide tips on how to assist students at home. Parents will also receive training on how to support students with the use of iPads for instruction.

Staff training on parent involvement.

Ed Von Tobel Middle School provides staff training on how to effectively conduct teacher conferences. Teachers are encouraged to participate at all parent night events, which are designed with the assistance of parents.

Integrate parent involvement activities with academic-related programs.

Ed Von Tobel Middle School, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinates and integrates parent involvement programs and activities school programs, Gear-Up and After School All-Stars.