



FERNDALE AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

The Ferndale Area School District is committed to working in partnership with the parents in a variety of ways.

One specific area of cooperation is the schoolwide Title I program, formerly known as Chapter I. With that in mind, The Ferndale Area School Board has adopted a policy of dialogue between the home and school. This policy, which is attached, encourages parental involvement in the educational programs in our district. We encourage you to work with us in the schoolwide Title I program.

Enclosed please find a copy of a School-Parent Compact, which lists specific ways in which we can work together. The first compact documents the school's responsibilities to our students. The entire staff has endorsed this compact. The next page lists student and parent responsibilities in the educational process. We ask you review the student and parent compacts with your child, and you and your child sign it and return it to school.

I would like to thank you for your support and cooperation of our schoolwide Title I program in the Ferndale Area School District.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Ferndale Area Elementary School at 535-6724.

Sincerely,

Justin Zahorchak
Elementary Principal

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2009 – 2010 SCHOOL COMPACT

SCHOOL

The Ferndale Area School District will provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that will enable success for every student and:

1. Will treat each child with dignity and respect.
2. Strive to address the individual needs of each student.
3. Acknowledges that parents are vital to the success of this school and its students.
4. Provide a safe, positive and healthy learning environment for each student.
5. Will assure every student access to quality learning experiences appropriate to their development.
6. Will assure that school staff communicates clear expectations for performance to both students and parents.
7. Will assure appropriate participation of parents in the decisions relating to the education of their children.

**FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY
FOR
PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

The **Ferndale Area School District** is committed to the belief that ALL children can learn and acknowledges that parents share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children.

The **Ferndale Area School District** recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family and agrees that to effectively educate ALL students, the school and the parents must work as knowledgeable partners.

We define parent and family involvement as an on-going process that assists parents and families to meet their basic obligation as their child's first educator, promotes clear two-way dialogue between home and school and supports parents as leaders and decision makers at all levels concerning the education of their children.

To this end, a written plan for the schoolwide Title I parent involvement that establishes programs and practices to enhance parent involvement and reflects the needs of the students and families will be jointly developed by parents and school staff. The plan will be designing initial and on-going activities.

The plan will also include a school-parent compact and support the development, implementation and regular evaluation of the parent involvement program by parents. Implementation of the plan will be a priority of the school community.

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2009 – 2010 STUDENT COMPACT

**Please sign and return to the school.

STUDENT

I realize that my education is important. I know that I am responsible for my own success. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

8. Get to school on time every day.
9. Develop a positive attitude about school.
10. Return completed homework on time.
11. Be a cooperative learner and carry out the teacher's instructions and directions.
12. Ask for help, when needed.
13. Be respectful to school personnel, other students and school property.
14. Participate in appropriate extra-curricular activities.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT

I realize the importance of working cooperatively with the school. I understand that my participation in my child's education will help his/her achievement and attitude. Therefore, I join with the Ferndale Area School District by carrying out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

15. Create an atmosphere that supports learning by encouraging reading activities.
16. Send my child to school regularly, on time, well fed, and well rested.
17. Monitor assignments and encourage homework completion.
18. Review all school communications and respond promptly.
19. Attend school functions and conferences, when available.
20. Encourage my child to demonstrate respect for school personnel, his/her classmates and school property.
21. Participate in decisions relating to the education of my child.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____