

# **AL ADHWA PRIVATE SCHOOL**

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## PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

It is the policy of the school to involve parents in the education of their children.

"Parents want the best for their children.

It involves hard work, but it's worth it.

Our children deserve the best and

we know that everyone can benefit

when we parents and school work together."



#### REFERENCES:

Organizing Regulations of Private Schools in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Chapter XV - Guardians' Involvement & Family Rights

Article 61 - Informing Guardians of the School Program

"The school shall encourage guardians to visit it and to learn closely about the values and trends of the school, provided that such visits are conducted with the consent of the Headmaster."

## Parent Involvement Policy

#### Introduction:

Al Adhwa Private School promotes parent involvement and work as equal partners in providing quality learning experiences for every student every day. We believe and acknowledge that parent involvement raises the academic achievement level of students. When parents take an active role in educating their children, parents become empowered, teacher's morale improves, and communities grow stronger.

We believe that empowering parents helps us realize our vision to provide a quality education for all students. As a result of this belief, we shall create an environment of supportive and collaborative parent involvement.

#### GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The school has programs & activities for the involvement of parents. Parental involvement means the participation of parents and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and to include:

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school:
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- (D) that they can involve in carrying out of other school activities

#### Types of Parent Involvement

Parental involvement may take place either during extracurricular activities and at home (e.g., planned home reading time, informal learning activities, and/or homework assistance). The six types of involvement are:

- Parenting: establish home environments to support children as students.
- Communicating: school-to-home and home-to-school communications about school programs and children's progress.
- Volunteering: organize parent help and support and help during school activities.
- Learning at Home: Provide information about how to help students at home with homework and other curriculum-related activities, decisions and planning.

- **Decision-Making**: Include parents in school decisions, develop parent leaders and representatives.
- Collaborating with Community: Identify and integrate resources and services from the community to strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning and development.

#### SCHOOL-WIDE PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The school will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of the school-wide parent involvement plan.

Through the school website and school fb, Newsletter, MS Teams, parents are updated, informed and invited to participate in the activities and also to serve in committees when plans need to be reviewed, updated or implemented.

The school will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement such as:

- 1. A parent survey will be distributed during the school year.
- 2. Notice of meetings will be sent through letters, emails, SMS and telephone calls or MS TEAMS
- 3. Remarks of their child's performance are seen/ heard.
- 4. School Report Card will be distributed termly with feedbacks.
- 5. Visit to the school/principal is welcome but prior notice is required.
- 6. Parent involvement in the school like career guidance and others

The school will provide coordination and other support in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- 1. The principal will coordinate activities that help parents monitor their child's progress, provide academic support, welcome parent volunteers and be involved in the school community activities.
- 2. In the school website, weekly plans are placed.
- 3. Circulars & letters will keep parents informed about upcoming school activities.

- 4. Learning resources connected with their lessons will be available for parents in helping their children build upon their Arabic, Math, reading, and language skills at home. These will include homework, home reading reports and others.
- 5. Encourage parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;

### Parent Representation

#### 1. Parent Council

The school has a parent organization. This is usually organized at the beginning of the school year. The SLT works collaboratively with the Parents Council to develop and sustain the organization in the school. The council is represented during school inspections.

A minimum of ten (10) parent representatives selected by the school or requested by the parents represent the Parents Council. Parent representatives shall be responsible for communicating with other parents and for representing parent opinions.

#### 2. Staff-Parent Communication

All communication is provided in English and Arabic.

## 3. Matching Programs to the Need of the Community/ Annual Evaluation

Each year, the administration assesses the needs of parents and students using questionnaires and then adopts a program to meet those needs.

The Principal & other staff conduct an annual evaluation of the parent involvement. This annual evaluation will include the identification of barriers to greater participation by parents in the activities under this policy.

For Implementation

To be reviewed annually by the Principal and Review Committee.

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