



Washoe County School District
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Educational Involvement Accord Suggestions for Elementary Schools 2006-2007

- This is the first school year that we will have the “State of Nevada Educational Involvement Accord.” It is a new requirement to all Nevada School Districts from the last legislative session.
- It has been included in the registration packets for all WCSD students to ensure that all parents have been provided with a copy.
- Because the form invites a parent signature, we expect that most of the parents will return a signed copy with their registration forms. Returned forms will be placed in the teacher’s mailbox.
- Teachers should start a file of the Accords for their 06-07 class.
- Teachers should review the Accord with their students in the manner most appropriate to the age of the students.
- During Parent Conference Week, teachers should make copies of the forms so that parents can have one to take home with them. (There is just a single copy in the registration packet so this will be one way to get a copy back to parents.)
- The Accord is not meant to be punitive. It is a tool for encouraging partnerships with parents, showing how students, parents and teachers can all work together to improve student academic achievement. Parents are not required to sign the Accord. If they decline to sign, accept their decision. You may offer them a blank copy for their records.
- Teachers can start the conversation by providing parents with their copy and explaining that it is a new document in all Nevada schools this year. Do they have any questions about the Accord? Do they need any additional information about how to support learning at home or what their child is learning in the classroom and how to connect to other opportunities for involvement? Are there ideas for parents to support their child’s learning at home that the teacher can provide?
- Teachers may want to use the Accord’s concept for a bulletin board that shows how parents, students and teachers work together to build a successful year.
- Being an involved parent can be more than just volunteering in the classroom. Parent involvement is defined by the six national standards: effective two-way communication, supporting student learning at home, parenting, volunteering, advocacy/decision-making, and community collaboration.
- Teachers can help connect parents to opportunities for involvement at the school. Use these questions to begin the conversation: Are you interested in volunteering at the school, joining a parent organization or serving on a school committee? Can I help you get in contact with the right person?

For more ideas on how to engage parents at your school, call the Parent Involvement Office at 775-353-5533 or email us at parentinvolvement@washoe.k12.nv.us