

Gulf Trace Elementary

Family Involvement Plan 2015-2016

*We believe the education of all children must be a partnership between the home and the school. Understanding that parent involvement is not inclusive to interaction on the school campus, we value the efforts at home that help to promote a positive school climate. By fostering ongoing, two- way, and meaningful communication, we will together make a difference in the lives of our children.*

*Our goal is to create partnerships amongst the school, families, and the community to help all students reach high levels of academic and social achievement.*

**How will I learn more about Title I?**

 Gulf Trace Elementary will hold a Title I meeting at our annual Open House event in which all parents shall be invited and encouraged to attend. This event will be advertised to parents through the school website, flyers, phone message, and school Facebook page. During this meeting, the school will provide information, explain the requirements of Title I and the opportunities for involvement of parents in their child’s education through a power point presentation and distribution of a brochure.

 Gulf Trace will also offer multiple informational meetings for parents and community members. These meetings will allow for parents and community members to play an active role in planning, reviewing, and improvement of the parent involvement policy. The School Advisory Council as well as the Parent Teacher Organization will be used to help plan and revise the school wide parent involvement plan. The School Advisory Council will meet monthly and the Parent Teacher Organization will meet at least three times during the school year.

**How can I learn more about my child’s education?**

Gulf Trace Elementary will provide assistance to parents in understanding such topics as:

* Florida Standards
* School Specific and State mandated assessments
* The requirements of Title I, Part A
* How to monitor their children’s progress
* How parents can assist at home
* How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children

Gulf Trace Elementary will provide multiple opportunities for parents to learn about curriculum standards, monitoring progress of students, and assessment of student learning. This information will be posted on the school website and embedded in the school newsletter. Gulf Trace Elementary will also conduct parent informational trainings on topics such as the Florida Standards and Reading support. Daily student planners and e-mail communication will assist in keeping parents up to date and foster consistent communication between family and school.

Gulf Trace Elementary will also provide opportunities for parents to learn about their child’s education by providing materials and training, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to help parents work with their children to improve their child’s academic achievement.

 **What educational resources are available to parents?**

The Gulf Trace Elementary Parent Resource and Volunteer Center will contain valuable school related materials, volunteer information and community resources that will be updated by the Parent Involvement Coordinator. Technology will be integrated into parent informational meetings and trainings as needed to learn about access to Gulf Trace information as well as online educational tools available for student use at home.

The school website will be used to share parenting tips, and provide academic support. The Gulf Trace Elementary Head Start and Pre-K services on campus will work together to coordinate trainings and share information with parents. ESOL parents will have assistance from the Parent Involvement Assistant and other sources with student assistance and language barriers.

 **How can I find out about the academic progress of my child?**

The Gulf Trace Elementary staff will provide parents with routine progress updates by supplying the parent with:

* Mid-Quarter Progress Reports
* Quarterly Report Cards
* Parent/Teacher Conferences
* Personal, Telephone or Written Communication

 **How can I become involved at my child’s school?**

Gulf Trace Elementary will give parents reasonable access to staff, encourage volunteer opportunities, and provide times during lunch for parents to socialize with their child. We will conduct surveys with our parents to see what type of activities interest them, and when would be a convenient time for them to attend. We will graph these results and refer to them for future planning when working in school committees.

*This written plan shall be distributed to all parents of students at Gulf Trace Elementary in an understandable format. It has been placed on the school website making it available to the local community. If the plan is not satisfactory to all stakeholders, comments may be submitted in writing to the school.*

**FOCUS:** Gulf Trace Sea Stars will inspire one another to achieve personal goals by creating a respectful, responsible, safe and cooperative environment which will guarantee lifelong success.