

Masada Charter School
365 W. Cannon Avenue
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Parent Involvement Policy

POLICY

Masada Charter School believes that parent involvement is critical to student achievement. Masada Charter School currently provides various services and support of parents through its efforts with the PRISM Committee (Parent Resources In Service of Masada) and other community organizations.

DEFINITIONS

“Parental Involvement”-means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including:

- ❖ Playing an integral role in assisting in their child’s learning,
- ❖ Being actively involved in their child’s education,
- ❖ Becoming full partners in decision-making and on advisory committees.

COMMITMENTS

Masada Charter School will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs and will provide necessary support and technical assistance in planning and implementing the activities.

Masada Charter School currently works together with the P.R.I.S.M. (Parent Resources in Service of Masada) Committee as a parent advisory committee. Masada will establish other advisory and strategic planning committees to include parents when necessary.

Masada Charter School will incorporate this Parental Involvement Policy into its educational plan and will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with other programs.

Masada Charter School and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of all parents including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, homeless or disabled, and parents of migratory children by addressing barriers that prevent these parents from becoming involved.

Masada Charter School will involve the parents in joint decisions about parent involvement activities and how funds reserved for parental involvement are spent.

Masada will conduct with Title I parents an annual evaluation of effectiveness of the parental involvement policy to identify barriers, strengths/weaknesses of parental involvement programs.

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Masada Charter School will continue to provide quality education opportunities for parents on such topics as:

- ❖ The Arizona State standards which are guidelines on what should be taught in every classroom at different grades.
- ❖ The state and local academic assessments.
- ❖ How to monitor their child's progress and their school's adequate yearly progress.
- ❖ The requirements of NCLB.
- ❖ Quality education opportunities to parents about school programs.
- ❖ Quality parent participation activities within the school.
- ❖ Avenues for parents to support the school and increase student achievement.
- ❖ Provide staff development on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as full and equal partners.
- ❖ Provide an annual meeting to inform parents about Title I programs at flexible meeting times.
- ❖ Provide opportunities for additional meetings if requested by parents.
- ❖ Take actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format.
- ❖ Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement.
- ❖ Provide information to parents in a uniform format, in a language parents can understand, and disseminated in a timely manner.
- ❖ Provide opportunities for parents to attend workshops, to the extent feasible, that emphasize parental involvement and that will lead to student success.
- ❖ Involve parents in the development and review of the School-Parent Compact stating shared responsibilities for student academic achievement.