

La Crescenta Elementary School
Parent Involvement Policy
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All parents at La Crescenta Elementary School are engaged in student learning through parent education, leadership opportunities, special event participation, and collaboration between the classroom teacher and parent.

In the fall, parents attend Back to School Night, where they learn about grade level expectations for the year. Parents, along with teachers and students, sign their commitment to the 3-way compact, which delineates in detail the role of each party toward student learning.

Throughout the year, parents are informed of their child's achievement and of how they can support their child's continued success. Parent i-Ready reports, copies of classroom assessments, and information about school events involving families are translated in the appropriate languages and disseminated in the Thursday folder. Blackboard Connect recorded phone messages are recorded with the phone call made in the evenings when parents are home. The school website is updated regularly with upcoming events. Translations of important information and essential phone messages are provided in primary languages in order to recruit involvement of all groups within the school. Teachers initiate conferences with parents of students who are not meeting grade level expectations. Parent requests for conferences and e-mail or voice messages are responded to in a timely manner to maintain a close supportive relationship between teachers and parents.

Parent education workshops this year, provided in the evenings have included Common Core State Standards implementation and grade level lesson demonstrations. A monthly parent coffee affords parents who are available only during the day an opportunity to hear about PTA endeavors. Parents of students with special needs are provided with additional support and educational information specific to their child's learning disability. Student Success Team meetings include parents and educators working together to develop a plan to support their child within a general education setting.

Opportunities for parents to serve as leaders at the school are plentiful. They may serve as representatives on our School Site Council, District Advisory Committee, English Language Acquisition Committee, District GATE Committee, PTA Executive Board, or Foundation. Parents serve as docents for our Meet the Masters art program, as classroom volunteers, as chaperones for field trips, as teachers for our GATE program.

Parent groups sponsor several special events throughout the year including a jog-a-thon, book swaps, family game nights, sixth grade party, and mother-son/daddy-daughter events. Fundraising supports technology, campus beautification, and a primary music program.

Recognition of parents who volunteer at school includes an end-of-year volunteer tea. At our school, parents are treated almost as additional members of the staff.