



SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY 2015-2016

Parental Involvement - Partnership

Delaware Design-Lab High School is fully committed to working in partnership with parents/guardians to offer a rigorous college preparatory education for all of our students in order to reach the goal of having 100% of Design-Lab graduates become college-ready leaders, problem-solvers, and innovators.

As a school-family partnership, Design-Lab acknowledges that everything we do together aims to provide the best high school opportunities for our students so that each child can achieve optimum career and life success.

Design-Lab works diligently to finding meaningful and mutually enriching ways for parents/guardians to participate in school life. Design-Lab's Parent Involvement Policy has expectations and recommendations for parents/guardians to follow.

Parental Involvement - Program Information

Design-Lab works hard to help parents understand the curriculum and assessments that students and faculty work through. As part of our regular academic calendar, parents and school staff discuss student academic growth, achievement, standards, and assessments at:

- Back-to-School Night
- Academic meetings with faculty, with individual teachers and/or the grade level teams
- Student Success Plan meetings with the Guidance Counselor
- College counseling meetings with the Guidance Counselor
- Parent-Teacher conferences

Conferences are critical opportunities to review a student's progress work and they work best when both the student and parent attend the conference with the teacher and/or grade level team. In so doing, the school and family work together to build on each student's individual strengths and follow the plan as a team.

Parental Involvement - Expectations

Design-Lab requires all parents/guardians to fulfill the Parental Involvement Policy as follows:

- Support the philosophy and mission of the school
- Personally model an attitude of acceptance, inclusion, and celebration of others



- Strive to learn about and advocate for the school and its educational approach
- Attend all student/parent/teacher conferences throughout the school-year
- Ensure that the student attends school regularly and punctually
- Take an active role in supporting my child's mastery of academic skills
- Comply with the Design-Lab High School Code of Conduct and school uniform policy
- Take responsibility for the child's actions and work with the school on disciplinary matters
- Respond promptly to all calls, inquiries, concerns, and requests for information from the school
- Be prepared to provide official photo identification to main office staff
- Notify the school by noon in case of an early dismissal or change in mode of transportation
- Inform the school promptly of any change in address or emergency contact information
- Pay all obligations to the school (i.e., school meal fees, replacement of lost or damaged school materials or property) within the required timeframe

Parental Involvement - Recommendations

Design-Lab encourages all parents/guardians to fulfill the Parental Involvement Policy as follows:

- Complete a minimum of five (5) hours of volunteer time during each school year (July 1-June 30)
- Volunteer to work on committees (i.e. review policies, Consolidated Grant, strategic plan, CTE committee)
- Attend Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings monthly
- Offer leadership in development and/or governance of the PTO
- Offer leadership in governance of the Board of Directors and/or the Citizen's Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC)

End of Policy