

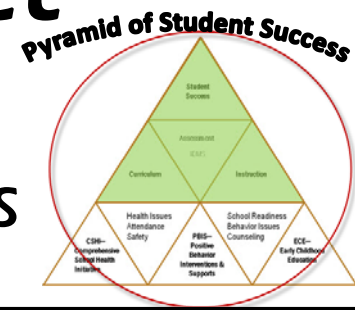
# Snowline School District



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## School, Family & Community

## Partnerships Lead To Student Success



The evidence is in: when schools and families work together to support learning, everyone benefits.

- Students do better in school and in life.
- Schools get better.
- Parents become empowered.
- Communities grow stronger.
- Teacher morale improves.

Schools, families, and community members must form partnerships that share in the responsibility for students' learning and development. The Snowline Joint Unified School District is committed to doing just that. Whether it is called family involvement, parent volunteering, or any other term, we are dedicated to working in partnership with all of Snowline's stakeholders to ensure that every student is successful. If TEAM means that Together Everyone Achieves More, then it is our ongoing effort to add to the team of educators, families, and community members so that student success is increased.

The Snowline School Board has as one of its goals to increase family involvement at all district schools. We have worked with various stakeholder groups to expand upon the many impactful efforts already in place throughout the district. In the coming months, the first version of our annual district survey will be made available to Snowline families to gain critical feedback necessary for continuous improvement. We will also continue to train district employees in research-based ways to build even more positive ties between school and home. We also plan to involve families and community members in organized, ongoing, and timely ways of planning and improving district programs.

How can you help? Please take advantage of the many ways to support student learning. School, family, and community partnerships. Pass it on.

*Burt Umstead, Principal  
Pinon Mesa Middle School*



"Beginning April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>, and all the way through state testing, Pinon Mesa Middle School will be implementing a "Take the Challenge—NO T.V./Video Games" campaign across our campus. These designated days represent the 10 days prior to state testing. Research has shown that children's brains take around 48 hours to detoxify from the effects of T.V. and video games. Our strategy is to have student brains fully alert and detoxified for state testing. For more information please see our website and review the PowerPoint presentation that is available."



*Events are held to encourage parent participation at all levels so parents can be involved in their child's education.*



*Parent involvement doesn't always mean that parents have to come to the school site. It can also mean helping with homework, reading with your child, or learning something new together.*



*Comprehensive School Plans layout processes and specific goals and the strategies/actions taken to achieve those goals. Below is an excerpt from the Vista Verde Elementary School plan that outlines parent involvement for this school year.*

*Dennis Zimmerman, Principal  
Quail Valley Middle School*



"A key component to student success at Quail Valley Middle School is the support our students get at home. Parents who ask their middle school child, "How was school today?" or "What did you learn at school today?" and then take time to listen and prod their child to truly tell them the details of their day at school, make a significant impact on their child's learning. We want parents to keep up with their child's learning by checking their binder reminder, taking a look at their homework and school work, reviewing their child's progress report or report card every four weeks, checking their child's gradebooks on the Aeries Parent Portal, checking out their child's teacher websites and encouraging their child to watch the helpful instructional videos that their teachers post, and going through their child's backpack and cell phone on a regular basis. We welcome parents to visit campus and observe in classrooms during the school day to see how teachers instruct, manage their classroom, post assignments, and collect school work that is due. We are very, very appreciative of the many parents who are actively involved in the learning of their Quail Valley Middle School children."

### Did you know?

- Children do better when parents get connected to their child's school. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.
- These days, schools are asked to do more with less. Parents' help is needed more than ever to assist with the learning process.
- Several studies have shown a strong relationship between parents reading to their children as well as children reading to their parents and reading achievement.
- Parent involvement contributes to the overall performance of all children in school, not just the children of those parents who are active.

#### Vista Verde Elementary School 2011-12 School Goals Snowline Joint Unified School District

The School Site Council analyzed the academic performance of all student groups and considered the effectiveness of key elements of the instructional program for students failing to meet API and AYP growth targets. As a result, the School Site Council adopted the following school goals, related actions, and expenditures to raise the academic performance of student groups not meeting state standards.

#### School Goal # 10--Parent Involvement

In an effort to support the attainment of Board Goal #1 that commits all departments and schools to improving parent/community involvement so that student success is increased, Vista Verde Elementary School will do the following:

#### What data led to this goal?

Parent and community surveys indicated parents would like to be more actively involved in the decision making process, as well as be more informed as to their child's academic progress.

#### Target student groups and/or grade levels:

Kindergarten through fifth grade parents, guardians, and foster care providers.

#### What are the specific means of measuring and evaluating this goal?

Site parent survey issued in May 2012  
District survey  
Attendance at school events  
Parent volunteer log from office