

Fair Garden – How Do We Measure Up to Our Mission Statement?

Serve Children

1. Give them the best education possible! Teach skills, not curriculum.
2. Expect greatness.
3. Treat each child individually.
4. Make an effort to understand and respect each child's background, culture, heritage and family.
5. Show them love, understanding and compassion.
6. Treat them like we treat our own personal children.
7. Be flexible.
8. Motivate them.
9. Give them lots of encouragement.
10. Be open and do not stereotype.
11. Help parents help their children.
12. Love them and attempt to serve their needs.
13. Be patient.
14. Speak to them in a respectful manner.
15. Teach self-control and independence.
16. Discipline them with love.
17. Model good behavior.
18. Smile at them and get on their level to communicate with them.
19. Have a positive attitude.
20. Greet them with a smile each day.
21. Attempt to know all their names.
22. Speak THEIR language.

Empower Parents

1. Make them feel welcome when they come to school.
2. Encourage parents to get involved.
3. Give them skills and ideas through newsletters, daily conversations and parent conferences.
4. Demonstrate how to role model and communicate with their children.
5. Invite parents to help in the classroom and encourage parent-school partnerships.
6. Help open time to provide child-care, so parents can work.
7. Help parents meet their families' financial needs by caring for their children at no cost.
8. Making sure expectations are clear to parents.
9. Allow parental input into decision-making.
10. Let parents know they have worth. (For example: Invite them to Open House, Parent Information Night, and seasonal programs to share information about their children's education and highlight their children's talents and efforts.)
11. Build up parents in the eyes of their children.
12. Be honest about their children's successes, struggles and/or issues they are displaying at school.
13. Plan fun activities for parents. (Muffins for Moms, Doughnuts for Dads)

Strengthen Families

1. Offer parenting classes/parent workshops that will help the entire family.
2. Increase communication.
3. Meet monthly with Fair Garden Parent Group.
4. Plan fun activities for families. (Family Community Engagement Nights)
5. Donate clothes, shoes, etc. to families.
6. Partner with counseling agency to offer help/workshops if assistance is needed.
7. Discuss student/family matters and solutions in our PIT (Preventative Intervention Team) meetings.
8. Get to know the families in our school and community.
9. Make extra efforts to encourage parental involvement in the classroom or school.
10. Send items home for parents to assist with classroom activities like cutting out pictures, coloring, etc.
11. Provide Sensitivity training for the staff.
12. Support the Parents As Teachers program located upstairs in our building.

Support Our Community

1. Provide use of facility for community events.
2. Participate in community events:
 - ❖ A-E Homecoming Parade
 - ❖ MLK, Jr. Parade
 - ❖ Carnival
3. Hold annual food drive.
4. Invite community members into our classrooms to interact with children.
5. Invite parents and community members to participate in school events.