

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

Serve Every Child

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

Empower Parents

1. Make every parent feel welcome when he/she comes to school.
2. Encourage parents to get involved.
3. Share teaching skills and ideas through newsletters, daily conversations and parent conferences.
4. Demonstrate best practices when communicating 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)
14. Host Monthly Parent Group Meetings.

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.
6. Provide community partners with monthly newsletters and other Fair Garden Updates.
7. Teachers and staff members donate funds to the United Way of Greater Knoxville.
8. Host can food drives to donate to the FISH pantry.
9. Host gently used clothing drive to give to families in need.