

## **What is a Parent Liaison?**

A Parent Liaison is a school support staff that connects parents to resources needed between home and school to further students' academic and social success. This position plays a vital role to further increase parental involvement within the school and district. His or her role is to establish effective communication to improve community outreach and training opportunities for parents and families. Parents can also connect with the Parent Liaison to obtain guidance regarding volunteer openings for school project, events and activities.

## **Parent Liaisons:**

- Facilitate parent-school communication;
- Facilitate community agency referrals;
- Encourage parent involvement in the school;
- Foster trust between parents and the educational community
- Foster higher academic achievement through collaboration with school personnel.

A Parent Liaison empowers parents to become active participants in the education of their children. Targeted are those parents who:

- need help in determining how best to help their children;
- are infrequent participants in school activities;
- may need clarification of their role in the educational process; and
- need assistance in making connections and accessing services.

## **A Parent Liaison can connect you to available resources/help**

Parent Connect Centers

After School Programs

Tutoring

Public Library

## **A Parent Liaison can connect you to available connection with the school**

Back to School Night

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Volunteering

Workshops/Trainings

PTO

## **A Parent Liaison can connect you to support in crisis situations (emotional, physical and academic)**

Attendance/Tardiness

Bullying

Food Access

Homeless Services  
Health Services  
Family Death

### **How can the Parent Liaison help me?**

Often, parents feel uncomfortable about sharing their questions or concerns with the teachers or school administration. Because good communication between home and school is such a vital part of your child's academic success, the Parent Liaison will listen to your concerns and then work with you to make sure that your situation, question or point of view is expressed and understood. They will help and support you if you need to find ways to resolve any issues that may be hindering your child's success in school. Parent Liaisons want to be sure that you understand what you can do to get involved, keep informed, share information, and help your child do his or her best.

### **What kind of assistance can the Parent Liaison provide?**

#### **Information**

They will provide you with a personal tour of the school and explain the programs and resources available to you and your child. You do not have to be a new parent to get a school tour.

They will discuss some of the ways you can get more involved with the school.

They will answer questions you may have about school rules and regulations.

#### **Conferences**

They will help arrange meetings between you and your child's teachers or the school administration so that important information about your child is shared and understood. At your request, they will accompany you to a parent conference or other important meetings at the school to help clarify information about your child or home situation. They will help you arrange for an interpreter if you need to communicate in your own language.

#### **Special help and services**

They will find out whom you need to call or where you need to go to get special help or services for your child or your family.