

IJPS Parental Involvement Policy

The IJPS parental engagement policy is grounded in a vision of parents that acknowledge their importance both as valued partners and active participants in their children's education.

Vision

In IJPS education system, all partners acknowledge the positive impact of parent engagement on students' achievements. Students are supported and inspired to learn in a culture of high expectations in which parents:

- ✓ Are welcomed, respected and valued by the school community as partners in their children's learning and development.
- ✓ Have opportunities to be involved in educational community to support student success.
- ✓ Are engaged through ongoing communication and dialogue with other educational partners to support a positive learning environment at home and at school.
- ✓ Are supported with information and tools necessary to participate in school life.

What IJPS knows about Parental Involvement?

Parents play a vital role in the development and education of their children. Parents and families, with support of their school and community, have the primary responsibility for the development of their child's character.

In addition, research clearly indicates that good schools become better schools when they are strongly connected with parents as part of learning community.

Thus, parents not only play an important role within the school community, but they also have a significant impact on their children's education through the attitudes they help to shape and the direct support they provide to their children.

Challenges and Opportunities

If society presents challenges to parents' engagement in education, it also offers new ways to engage parents. In particular, new technology expands the possibilities for communication and parental engagement.

As our access to information technology continues to expand, a variety of online tools and strategies are now available and are being used to engage parents. Maximizing the use of these technologies is essential as we approach parental engagement in the 21st century Skills.

IJPS Parent Engagement in Action

IJPS will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

- ❖ Forming Parents Teachers Association (PTO) and engaging them in decision making, planning and school activities in various areas.
- ❖ Conducting training workshops for the parents including online resources and how to access them.
- ❖ Holding termly Parents Teachers meeting to discuss their students' progress during that particular term (At least 2 Meetings).
- ❖ Parents are welcomed to make appointments to meet their child's teachers to have a one on one discussion on how to help with their child's progress.
- ❖ Involvement of parents during weekly activities like: Hajj event, Career Day, Mother's day, Healthy Food competitions etc.
- ❖ Participating reading weeks through the 3 terms where parents get a chance to come to read a book to their child's class or group for 30 minutes per day.
- ❖ Inviting parents in the Annual International Day event, where the Parents organize the whole event by setting up tents representing different nationalities.
- ❖ Parents are invited to Sports Week where they get to participate in the different sports events etc.

- ❖ Parents volunteer during Market week to help set up the Market week booths for their children.
- ❖ Parents are well informed of their students' academic progress and behavior in class by the Class Dojo application and School SMS System.
- ❖ Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.

IJPS acknowledges the importance of the Parents Voice and thus has established the **Parent's council**, which is a very effective and well-organized way to involve the parents in the IJPS Community.

IJPS parental involvement policy will be revised annually with the presence and guidance of the school principal and management.