

MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY

Kent School District

Title I- Family Involvement Policy

What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program that serves students in elementary and secondary (middle and high), schools who have demonstrated a need for additional educational assistance. Title I programming can provide children with instructional assistance in math, reading, and language arts. This additional instructional assistance can be teaching materials which supplement a student's regular instruction, teachers and instructional aides, and small group instruction.

Family engagement opportunities are provided with the use of Title I monies, such as an annual Literacy Night and S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) Night.

What can you expect from the staff at Meridian?

The mission at Meridian Elementary is to nurture the capacity and love for lifelong learning. We believe that every student matters and that every moment counts. Our staff strives to promote teamwork, collaboration, trust, passion, integrity and commitment.

When you send your children to school, we recognize that they are the most precious individuals in your lives and we promise to keep them **safe** and ensure that they **learn**. The staff at Meridian believes that parent/guardian involvement is essential to our students' academic, social and future success. We encourage open and honest communication between parents, staff and students.

Meridian will keep your child safe

There are three common expectation for all students at Meridian. Meridian Cougars are:

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Safe

These three expectations are used throughout the building and outside, in every class and every setting. Our goal is to create a caring, positive environment for all students and to encourage safe behavior.

All volunteers must go through the Kent School District volunteer registration and background check. For more information, please visit the Meridian Elementary website and follow the link for VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools). Parents may wish to volunteer in the classroom, help with field trips, or help with different school activities. Please contact the main office for more information.

Meridian will ensure that your child learns

Teachers and staff at Meridian are committed to serve all students and believe in a collaborative approach, involving teachers, students and families. We have high expectations of ourselves and of our students. During the school year, we will keep families informed on their student's progress with two Goal Setting conferences and encourage on-going, two-way communication between teachers and families. Parents are a vital part of their children's education and are encouraged to communicate any needs or concerns with their student's teacher(s). If needed, interpreters and/or translations may be available.

At Meridian, students have leadership opportunities. There are many ways that students can become involved. Fourth, fifth and sixth graders may choose to become active in the Ambassador's program, an active group that routinely helps with new student orientation, assemblies, and other leadership roles.

Becoming involved with student council helps children - (1s) 88 03r(y)1s)-9th)1a)-(9 s)-(9)1u)-.02 eW thaore /F19b6

