



Dear Saturn V Parent,

Welcome to the Saturn V STEM magnet program. The following describes what parents who have children in the STEM program understand and agree to when their child enters the program.

All students in the Saturn V program will be exposed to basic engineering principles.

Academic instruction will be delivered using a project-based learning approach.

State curriculum standards are the same for all students whether they are in the Saturn V program or in the regular education program.

Saturn V teachers collaborate with each other and grade level teachers to plan curriculum units and lessons.

Teachers use the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) to plan their lessons.

Saturn V classes will be taught with increased depth and complexity.

- Parents agree to a commitment to the program. Becoming a proficient and independent learner takes time and determination on the child's part. Children are expected to take ownership of their learning.
- Parents agree to encourage their child to achieve success by allowing him/her to push through adversity and challenge.
- Children are responsible for the completion of their own homework and projects. After completion, parents agree to check over the child's work.
- Parents agree to support the school and help communicate the importance of the program to their children and the community.
- Parents must ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time.
- The Saturn V program is a team effort between the parent, child, and teacher.
- Transportation is only provided to and from school for those students who reside in the same attendance zone as the Saturn V campus where they will be attending. All others must provide their own transportation.
- If the child should fail to progress in this program, the parent agrees to meet with school personnel to address learning issues.
- Parents and students agree to adhere to the Saturn V behavior principles and guidelines.
- A parent or family member must agree to attend the parent conferences that are held in the fall and as needed.

Parental Involvement Activities

Each parent agrees to work with their child to ensure that he/she is successful in school. If parents can agree to work with their child a minimum of 15 minutes per night (even if there is no homework), then their child will most likely be highly successful. These activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Taking your child on a family field trip to a museum, art exhibit, nature and science center, or other educational venue where learning is valued.
- Encouraging your child to watch age appropriate educational programs on television.
- Attending family academic events that are presented by the school or district.
- Taking your child to the public library.
- Reading with your child and practicing math facts through daily activities such as cooking, shopping, etc.
- Serving as an audience for your child when preparing and practicing presentations for the classroom.