



PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Statement of Purpose

Academy Middle School is committed to the goal of providing a quality education for every child. In order to accomplish this goal, partnerships must be established with parents, family, and the community. All stakeholders gain if school and home work together to promote high achievement for our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. The District recognizes and encourages parents in the four key roles that they play in their children's learning as:

- Teacher – helping their child at home,
- Supporter – contributing their skills to the school,
- Advocate – helping their child receive fair treatment, and
- Decision Maker – participating in joint problem-solving with the school at every level.

Parent Involvement in Developing the Policy

The Principal's Site-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Committee is composed of parents, community leaders, business representatives, and campus/district personnel. The Committee has direct input in the development and revision of the parent and family engagement policy on an annual basis. Parent comments from parent/teacher conferences, parent surveys, and other meetings to solicit parent input are also used in the development and revision of this policy.

Academy Middle School Parent/Student/School Compact

In order for school, parents, and students to share responsibility for high student achievement, the Academy Middle School/Parent/Student Compact is reviewed each year by the Campus Improvement Committee (CIP). This compact is signed by principal, teacher, parent and student and returned to campus. The Compact outlines school, parent, and student responsibilities necessary for effective learning to take place.

Types of Parental Involvement

The Superintendent, in coordination with the Principal, provides technical assistance and other support necessary to help the school plan and implement effective parental and community involvement efforts. Realizing the value of parents and their contribution to the partnership of creating successful students, input will be requested to assist education personnel in building upon that partnership relationship to strengthen ties between home and school.

The following are possible opportunities for home-school partnerships that parents are encouraged to take advantage of throughout the year.

- AMS Site-Based Decision Making Committee
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- AMS Parent/Student Compact
- Annual Title I Meeting
- AMS website, social media, school marquee
- Busy Bee Parent Volunteers
- Book Fairs
- Open House
- Holiday events

Questions, concerns, and/or comments may be directed to Mrs. Glenell Bankhead, Principal, at 254-982-4620 or glenell.bankhead@academyisd.net.