



Montwood Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2019-2020

Statement of Purpose

Montwood Middle School is dedicated to providing a safe learning environment and high quality education for every student. We believe that parent and family support plays an extremely important role in the community and is critical to a student's educational success. Establishing and maintaining open lines of communication will expand and enhance learning opportunities and create the best learning environment for every student. Our goal is to have a partnership with parents, guardians, extended family, community members, teachers, faculty, and staff, in order to help all students succeed.

Parent and Family Involvement in Policy Development

The development of the school's policy involves parents, family members, community members, faculty, staff, and administrators. Parents revise the family engagement policy annually. Annual evaluations will be used in determining strategies for school improvement to meet the changing needs of students and families in our school. The revised policy has been presented to the School Improvement Team to discuss any updates and changes to the policy.

Annual Meeting for Title I

The Socorro Independent School District uses Title I funds to provide academic services for students. Montwood Middle School will hold an annual meeting to review Title I guidelines and its purpose. At the meeting parents and families will be informed on what expenditures are made using Title I funds to best meet the students' academic needs at this campus. The meetings are held in the morning and evening so that all parents and families have the opportunity to attend. Translation services will be available upon request. Parents and families will be sent written notices of meeting dates and times.

School- Home Compact

Montwood Middle School has developed a School-Home Compact, which will be updated annually. This compact is designed to increase the sharing of responsibility and accountability between parents, families, students and school in order to achieve academic success. Parents, families and students are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact together in order to understand their individual responsibilities.

Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities/ Coordination of Programs

Montwood Middle School will provide various opportunities for parent and family engagement. There will be opportunities for parents, families, students and faculty members to communicate and work together. There will be questionnaires and surveys sent home each year in order to assess the needs of families and students. Workshops and other trainings will also be available to match expressed needs. For more information regarding Title I programs or other learning opportunities, parents and families may contact the Parent and Family Engagement Liaison, Communities in Schools Coordinator, Counselors, teachers and other staff members.

We are here to provide parents and families with our assistance:

Attendance Clerk:

- Tyler Student 360

Community in Schools Coordinator:

Communities in Schools program (CIS) / – Helping students successfully learn, stay in school, and prepare for life, by using the following 6 components

- Parental Family Involvement & Educational Enhancement
- Health and Human Services & Career Awareness and Employment
- Supportive Guidance and Counseling & Enrichment

Counselors:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences—contact your child’s counselor to schedule
- High School and College Initiatives (HB5, PSAT, Duke TiP, Career day, etc.)
- Coordination of Referrals to outside counseling agencies
- Academic Intervention Meetings & Individual/Group Counseling
- Personal Graduation Plans & Guidance Curriculum (personal, social, academic, career)
- Needs Assessments & Responsive Services
- Coordination of referrals to Project Vida & other counseling agencies

Parent and Family Engagement Liaison:

- Parenting Sessions /Academic classes / At-Risk Assistance with Parents and families
- Monthly School Newsletter & Calendar sent home with students for parents and families
- Parent and family volunteer program (HERD)
- Tyler Student 360 - formerly Tyler Parent Portal
- Team SISD App and Blackboard messages

Staff/Parent and Family Communication/ Building Capacity

Parents and families will be informed in English and Spanish of activities and events through various avenues of open communication. Parents and families are updated with school information and upcoming events via newsletters, marquee, phone calls, text messages, Blackboard, Team SISD App, written notices, e-mail, campus website, and communication through campus staff. **Therefore, it is important that parents and families keep their contact information updated with the school and report any changes as soon as possible.**

Evaluation

An annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Title I Family Engagement Program will be conducted using surveys and evaluations. Our school will revise the policy based on this annual review.

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