



## **Westside Middle School Family Engagement Policy**

All parents of students at Westside Middle School are served with Title I, Part A funds and are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of programs and services supported with Title I, Part A funds. All parents are invited to participate in the planning process at the beginning of the school year, as early as open enrollment/registration. Parents are asked to provide feedback at all of the following:

- parent meetings and community events
- Parent Town Hall Meetings
- Back to School Night (held within the first four weeks of school)
- Title I meetings (held within the first four weeks of school and throughout the school year)
- Parent-teacher conferences (held throughout the school year near progress reporting periods)
- Parent appreciation meetings (held at least twice per year)
- Data Nights (held at least three times per year, after benchmark reporting periods), and any school sponsored program (i.e., plays, performances, grade level or content-sponsored events).
- Parents are invited to participate on the Parent Advisory Committee and the School Planning Committee.

**The faculty, administration, and staff at Westside Middle School pledge to involve our parents and community stakeholders by doing the following:**

- Acknowledge and greet parents in a friendly manner using clear, direct language when communicating with parents.
- The school will schedule meetings at various times to allow for maximum parent participation.
- The school will translate all school-wide communication into the appropriate language to meet the needs of our parents who do not speak English.
- The school will provide an interpreter when needed.
- The school will maintain a current website that will include teachers' email addresses and relevant information regarding the school.
- Parents and community members will be given an opportunity to communicate concerns, suggestions, etc. to the school's administration.
- Teachers and school administration will respond to parent requests, ideas, and concerns in a timely manner.

**To promote meaningful parent involvement and foster a partnership with our parents, Westside Middle School will:**

- Provide opportunities for parents to serve on the PTO board.
- Parents will be invited to support their children through attending various school events including student programs, performances, assemblies, sports events, etc.
- Provide parents a description and explanation of curriculum, academic assessment, and proficiency levels for which students are expected to achieve during Curriculum Night Sessions.
- Title I Family Meeting Offered during school hours and after work hours.
- Parents will read and sign the Parent/Student Compact during the registration process. This compact serves as a written agreement between the school and the parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs that identifies the activities that the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will undertake to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.
- Provide quarterly notification containing information to improve families' ability to help with their child's education.
- Utilize partnerships with community organizations and local businesses.