



Clifton Middle School
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Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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Clifton Middle School is committed to the vision of educating and preparing scholars for higher education by creating opportunities for creativity, innovation, and leadership. Clifton Middle School is a school wide Title I, Part A campus, and as a parent you have the right to be involved in the planning, review and improvement of the Title I program and policy. Clifton Middle School believes that parental involvement is a vital step in reaching our instructional objectives. The home and school cooperative system will help each student arrive at their full academic potential as well as develop responsibility and self-discipline. The combined effort of home and school assists the student by extending learning beyond the classroom resulting in higher levels of academic achievement.

Clifton Middle School has established such programs as the following to encourage parental involvement:

- Parent Meeting during beginning of the year.
- 7th and 8th Grade Football
- 7th and 8th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball
- 7th and 8th Grade Girls Volleyball
- Title I Compact Parent Advisory Council/SDMC
- School field trips and special programs
- Afterschool and Saturday tutorials
- 7th and 8th Grade Soccer
- 7th and 8th Grade Boys and Girls Track and Field

One of HISD beliefs is that meaningful engagement with the community is important in all major decision-making. Therefore, at Clifton's parents will have adequate opportunities to participate in all segments of the school environment.

Our school holds an Open House at the beginning of each school year to update parents on school test data, adequate yearly progress status, and to facilitate a review of the school's improvement plan. This school year due to Covid-19 the campus opted to host a virtual cougars open house in place of the annual face to face open house. Parents are invited to participate in a variety of meetings and activities over the course of the school year. Parents are invited to participate in a parent-teacher conference at least twice a year to discuss their child's progress.

Our virtual or face to face academic nights such as our Literacy Nights, Math and Science Nights are used to communicate with parents about the state's curricular and assessment expectations and school wide requirements in relation to the delivery of instruction. We use a variety of communicative techniques such as a school handbook, school website, Social Media Accounts, and School Messenger (phone call system), individual notes/calls homes progress reports and report cards. All these methods of communication are used to encourage parent participation and deliver important information on improving student achievement.

The education of a student is not only the responsibility of the teacher, but also of the parent and the child. For this reason, a Parent-Teacher-Student Compact was developed. This document serves as an agreement between all parties that they will adhere to certain duties and responsibilities to ensure the success of the student. The document is sent out at the beginning of the year.

Clifton Middle School has made it a practice to send home all correspondences in English and Spanish to ensure that all information related to our school is clear. Parents of all students, regardless of English proficiency or mobility are an important part of our learning community.