Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Campus Policy: Right to Be Involved!

James S. Deady Middle School is a school-wide Title 1, Part A campus that believes in parental involvement. As parents, you have a right to partake in your child’s education; as we strive to develop an academic culture characterized by respect, discipline, and hard work. You have a right to be a part of the planning process, review and improvement of James S. Deady Middle School’s Title 1 program and parental involvement policy.

Each year, we invite the parents of all children who participate in the Title 1 program to five or more meetings. At the meetings, we discuss Title 1 law (Every Student Succeeds Act- ESSA), its requirements, and the rights and benefits to parents of children involved. District staff is invited to help with the presentations, which are presented in both English and Spanish. We explain how parents can be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of Title 1 programs, including contributing to this parental involvement policy.

It is our mission and goal to create successful college graduates through hard work and dedication as we tailor our students’ instruction through:

➢ Delivering and Executing Rigorous Instruction
➢ Increasing Attendance
➢ Building Strong Character
➢ Developing Leaders

We believe that James S. Deady Middle School can achieve greatness through your parental involvement and with business partners acting as a catalyst to ensure that we pursue EXCELLENCE! We want to hear from all parents and community leaders as we PUSH through to increase academic achievement. You are welcome to visit our campus and participate in a variety of meetings and campus programs:

▪ Open House including New Student Orientation, Parent University Night, Spring into STAAR
▪ Coffee with the Principal each month
▪ STEM Night and STEM Tuesdays during lunch for students to compete
▪ Honor Roll/ Attendance Hall of Fame including virtual dances, snacks, and prizes

Deady Middle School will provide a variety of parent meetings, which will be scheduled in the morning or afternoon to accommodate your schedule as a parent. Our Title 1 funds will enable Deady Middle School to sponsor and implement all sorts of programs that will require your involvement and ongoing parental support.

Our school “vision” is to develop academically through a culture characterized by respect, discipline, and hard work. We will cultivate and reinforce strong character traits that will build academic capacity for our students, close gaps in academic instruction, and bridge gaps with ALL stakeholders. It takes a community to raise our children and we are looking for parents to join us in this endeavor. Please feel free to stop by our establishment and volunteer your services. WE WANT YOU! There will be opportunities for you to participate in campus
events such as: parent classes, computer usage sessions, speaking at SDMC meetings, PAC meetings, Parent/Teacher Conferences, ARD meetings. Stop by our campus for additional information and we will also be sending out communications via the marquee sign, newsletters, and school messenger. In addition, individual notes, progress reports, and report cards will be sent home with students.

James S. Deady Middle School will assist parents with an understanding of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), and other district assessments. A description and explanation of the curriculum used at H.I.S.D., the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet will be addressed. Our school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children, such as literacy training and the use of technology to foster parental involvement.

Deady’s goal is to work in conjunction with parents and teachers to increase academic achievement across grade levels by the end of this school year. Therefore, your participation in the Compact Meetings will have a huge impact on the development of our programs as we share ideas on how to improve student achievement across curriculum here at Deady MS.

If for any reason the school-wide program does not meet your level of satisfaction for participating children, please feel free to submit your parent concerns or comments as advised to the HISD Title1, Part A Parental Involvement Program Administrator and other District designees as advised.

Opal Harrison, Principal