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**Parent and Family Involvement Policy**

**2024-2025**

**Purpose:**

Parents and the community are key stakeholders in the educational processes of students who attend Edison Middle School. Edison Middle School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy ensures equitable participation in the planning, review, and implementation of all parent programs and activities.

**Main definition:**

A parent is legally defined as a biological parent, stepparent, or adoptive mother of a student, or a person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the student resides.

**Definition of Parent Involvement:**

Parent involvement is defined as any time when a parent is committed to helping their child achieve excellence in learning at home, at school, and in the community at large. Parent involvement is supported by discussion between parents and professionals and focuses on how families can leverage what they already contribute to help their children's learning at a higher level with greater interest and motivation and provide a supportive home learning environment.

Parental involvement can be achieved in a number of ways, including but not limited to the following:

1. Progress reports and report cards
2. Read together at home
3. Develop your expectations for your child and communicate expectations, as well as communicate your support for helping your child meet expectations.
4. Handouts describing the school curriculum and academic assessment
5. Communicate positive values such as **respect, responsibility, trust, resilience, courage, hard work, etc.**
6. Talk to your child's teacher regularly and apply any feedback the teacher can give
7. Open House
8. Talking Points
9. SDMC Meetings
10. Family events
11. Get involved in the school's PTO
12. Talk about your child's assessment scores

**Procedures:**

Edison Middle School, along with stakeholders, will convene an **annual Title I meeting in the fall** and **spring** at a time that is convenient for parents. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. At this meeting, parents will be informed of the school's involvement in upcoming events, etc. In addition to Title I meetings, there will be monthly community meetings.

Edison Middle School will engage parents through an ongoing Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Program. The FACE program implements policy and procedures to encourage parent and community involvement.

**Communication plan**

1. Incentives
2. Create monthly newsletter
3. Communicate via Twitter and Instagram
4. Update School Websites
5. Upgrade marquee
6. Talking Points

Languages provided: English **and Spanish**

**School-Family Pact**

Edison Middle School and the parents of students who participate in the activities, services, and programs agree that improving student achievement is a shared responsibility. Edison Middle School and its parents will build and develop a partnership that will help students achieve excellence in education, higher attendance rates, and a safe learning environment.

Edison Middle School will host...

1. Coffee and Conversations with the Counselor and/or Principal
2. Day of Unity
3. Grade Level Awards Day
4. Red Ribbon Week
5. School Choice Fair
6. STEM Night
7. Report Card Collection Fair
8. College and Career Awareness
9. Jump to learning
10. STAAR Activities
11. Parent University
12. ESL for Parents
13. Math and Literacy Nights

***ANNUAL EVALUATION***

Edison Middle School will hold annual meetings to review the Family Engagement Policy and School-Family Compact. The Family Engagement Policy ensures that there is a strong partnership between the school and parents. A school-family compact will outline the responsibilities of the school and parents.