

*Martin Middle School*  
Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2023-2024

The Martin Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been developed jointly and agreed on by parents of participating Title I children. Welcoming all families into the school community, family group meetings are held periodically to review this policy, as well as other school wide programs, and to make necessary revisions as deemed appropriate. Names of the individuals involved in the development and maintenance of this policy are documented in the school parent and family engagement notebook. This plan is distributed to all families annually and is also available to the local community via the school website. In order to provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English proficiency, translations, to the extent practicable, are also available upon request. Comments from parents concerning dissatisfaction with this, or any other school policy, are documented. It is the goal of Martin Middle School to engage families and school staff in regular, meaningful communication about student learning in a continuous effort to support student success. We aim to engage more parents by offering flexible meeting times and conducting some meetings via email. It is our goal at Martin Middle School to increase family engagement by providing access to educational website links and other pertinent training tools that support the enhancement of literacy as well as technology. These enhancement tools are available on the school website.

An annual “Open House,” sponsored by MMS, kicks off the school year with an opportunity for families and students to become familiar with our school environment and form a communication connection with teachers and staff. This meeting is scheduled with a flexible time frame to allow more parents the opportunity to attend. During this meeting, parents receive up-to-date information explaining curriculum, forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, proficiency levels students are expected to meet, a schedule of the monthly school board meetings, and information on how to become a member of the Parent Advisory Board. Insight is offered to aide in understanding topics such as the State’s academic content standards, State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, how to monitor a child’s progress and work with educators to improve student achievement. At MMS we also stress the benefits of regular school attendance, as well as the importance for students to arrive prepared and on time. Families are urged to work continuously together with teachers to support students’ learning and healthy development not only at school, but also at home. Families are also urged to be involved in open communication with teachers to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success. The teachers and staff at Martin Middle School believe in the value and contribution of parents and work to empower families to be equal partners with equal representation in decisions that affect students and families. Together we can inform, influence and create policies, practices and programs that ensure student success in and out of the classroom..

Martin Middle School also convenes an annual Title I parent meeting. This meeting informs parents about ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) policies as well as a families' right to be involved. This meeting also gives parents a voice in how Title I funding should be spent. Title I information can also be viewed on the Principals' Page on our school website.

Extracurricular activities such as DARE, Builders Club, Eighth Grade Job Shadowing, Eighth Grade Career Symposium, Science Club, Sensational Day, Beta Club, and Book Club, offer the opportunity to learn both inside and outside the classroom. Such activities offer expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation for the families and school staff to work together with community leaders.

At Martin Middle School we are partnering with families to  
***“Empower Today’s Learners to Become Tomorrow’s Leaders.”***

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