

American Way Middle School
Family Engagement Plan
2025-2026

Parents are the primary teachers of their children. We believe that family involvement and support are major factors in the successful educational process of all students. **Therefore, American Way Middle School administrators, faculty, and staff have jointly developed with parents this written Family Engagement Plan.** Our parents will serve as advisors, resource persons, and coordinators in the following ways:

- Attend school events and serve as advisors
- Serve on the Site-Based Leadership Council Team
- Respond to memos, questionnaires, and surveys expressing ideas and concerns
- Become our primary proactive supporters

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/ Title I Requirements

The administrators, faculty, and staff will implement **an annual Title I meeting to which all parents will be invited to hear and participate in the following guidelines set forth under Title I law and to establish our expectation for parental involvement:**

- Parents are notified of policy in an understandable, uniform format and in a language that parents can understand
- Inform parents of the right to be involved
- Offer parents the opportunity to participate in school affairs
- Solicit feedback from parents and provide timely information about parent programs
- Provide parents with assessment results
- Provide a description/explanation of curriculum, academic assessment, and proficiency levels
- Provide parents with a copy of the Family Engagement Plan
- Allow parents to help revise our School Improvement Plan and review our Action Plan
- Keep parents abreast of on-going planning sessions and flexible meeting times to give them opportunities to participate
- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way

To ensure that our parents participate in the ongoing development and implementation of the school's program, American Way Middle School will do the following:

- Provide flexible times (A.M. and P.M.) for our parents to attend meetings
- Provide an annual meeting to inform parents of school participation in Title I and to explain Title I requirements
- Offer various parental trainings and workshops
- Develop a Parent-School Compact depicting how parents, the school and students share responsibilities. Distribute the compact to acquire appropriate signatures
- Encourage parents to take advantage of parent/teacher conferences
- Involve parents in planning and developing school improvement projects
- Offer volunteer opportunities for parents to participate in school activities and special programs such as band, sports, and other extra curricular events and programs
- Strongly encourage parents to participate in all parent meetings
- Provide challenging, meaningful, and differentiated classroom instructions that will enhance proficient levels of all students
- Provide other reasonable support for parent involvement activities per parent request.

Sincerely,

Larissa Jackson, Principal

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Acknowledgement

I have received the family engagement plan described in this letter.

Parent's Signature_____ **Date** _____

Print Parent's Name_____

Print Student's Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

School American Way Middle School

Grade _____

If you have any questions and/or suggestions about changes to the Family Engagement Plan or if you would like to be a part of the School Based Decision Making Council, please contact Mrs. Rochelle Sanders at 901-416-1250/burksr@scsk12.org.

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