

Family/Community Engagement Plan

Dexter K-8 School 2024-2025

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Dexter K-8 School encourages parental involvement in the educational process and has established an expectation for parental involvement at our school. In order to promote student success, we are committed to encouraging parental engagement within our school by providing opportunities for parents to actively participate in the education of their child/children in the following ways:

1. Developing jointly with parents a school/parent compact and family engagement plan
2. Supporting and encouraging active participation in PTA events.
3. Responding to surveys, questionnaires from parents expressing ideas and/or concerns to improve education.
4. Providing interpreter services when necessary.
5. Encouraging parents to attend school events and use their talent and resources to enhance the instructional program.
6. Providing parents access to written material in their native language.
7. Providing a flexible number of regularly scheduled parent meetings during the morning, afternoon, and evening.
8. Providing assistance to parents in understanding the state's academic content standards, student academic achievement standards, and state assessments.
9. Providing training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement.

Title 1/ESEA Involvement

The administrators, faculty, and parents will jointly develop, review, and revise the Dexter K-8 School Improvement Plan and implement Title 1 requirements according to the guidelines set forth by law and Memphis Shelby County Schools Policy. To build capacity for involvement with parents and the community, Dexter K-8 will:

1. Inform parents of the Title 1 requirements and our school's participation at the annual Title 1 meeting.
2. Invite and encourage feedback from parents and respond to parents' questions and concerns in a timely manner.
3. Provide communications in a format and language that is easily understandable to all parents
4. Invite parents to observe Dexter K-8 School programs and visit classrooms.
5. Communicate with parents on a regular basis through monthly and weekly newsletters, weekly folders, student progress reports, and deficiency reports.
6. Provide scheduled parent conferences and requested parent conferences to discuss student progress.
7. Provide parents and the community with assessment results and overall district and building performance.
8. Provide parents and community stakeholders a copy of the Family Engagement Plan and a copy of the MSCS Family Engagement Policy.
9. Provide meetings and activities to assist parents in understanding the curriculum, academic assessments, and student proficiency levels.
10. Provide parents and community stakeholders accessibility of LEA policies and curriculum.
11. Provide an information board of current events and updated website information to inform parents of school activities and distribute notices and communications in a timely manner.
12. Utilize partnerships with community organizations.
13. Provide parents with a description and explanation of the **curriculum** used at Shelby County, forms of **academic assessment** used to measure student progress, and the **proficiency levels** students are expected to meet.

To ensure Dexter K-8 School parents participate in the school's programs, we will:

1. Provide annual **meetings to explain the components and requirements of Title 1.**
2. Provide **flexible times** for our parents to attend parent meetings, with **opportunities to attend regular meetings** at night and alternate meetings in the morning of the same week, and we may provide, with Title I funds, transportation, child care, or home visits, as deemed necessary to help remove barriers to parent/guardian participation in these school activities and meetings.
3. **Inform parents of their rights to be involved** in their child's education.
4. Offer training and workshops in parenting skills.

5. Provide opportunities **for parents to jointly develop and review the Dexter K-8 Parent-School Compact** and the **Dexter K-8 Family Engagement Plan**.
6. Provide opportunities for parents to give suggestions and comments about the Dexter K-8 parent-school compact and the Dexter K-8 Family Engagement Plan and respond to parent comments and suggestions in a timely manner.
7. Distribute copies of the Parent-School Compact and the Family Engagement Plan in a timely manner to all students, parents, and community stakeholders and acquire appropriate signatures.
8. Provide professional development to faculty and staff to promote parental involvement.
9. Provide access to community and support services.
10. Provide parent meetings to explain the MSCS Curriculum, TCAP assessment, Formative Assessment, and student proficiency levels.
11. Provide opportunities for parents to offer suggestions and give input through surveys and evaluations.
12. Provide responses to parent suggestions, questions, and concerns through written and phone communication.
13. Provide ELL parents information on assisting their children in attaining English proficiency and in achieving academic success.

****The Family Engagement Plan signature page supports this document being developed jointly****

Note: Parent can also designate a guardian or person who has custody of the child or refer to an individual who has caregiving authority.

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