**Franklin Junior High School**





**Parental & Family Engagement Policy**

*Statement of Philosophy*

St. Mary Parish is dedicated to facilitating a positive interaction between parents and school. Emphasis is placed on forming a home-school partnership to benefit the students and all those *involved* in their welfare. The school system recognizes that parents are their children's first teachers and valuable partners in educating children. The staff recognizes the parents' right and responsibility to be involved in the planning, review, evaluation and improvement of our many parent programs.

DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

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*FJHS* has developed this parental involvement policy with the collaboration and input from parents of participating children. This policy is in direct alignment with the district policy and serves as the basis for parental involvement and is an integral part of the School Improvement Plan. Each school year, a meeting of the School Improvement Team, including parents and students, will be convened with representative of all students identified in the subgroups listed in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Each school year, the School Improvement Team will address any concerns and dissatisfaction expressed by parents through a review and update of the School Parental and Family Engagement Policy.

Parents serving on the School-Wide Improvement Team provide input on parental involvement policies through planning questionnaires and recommendation forms, jointly developing the District’s plan and the process of school review by working directly on the planning committee, and activities to be implemented at FJHS. The school will provide agendas and sign-in sheets to the LEA (Local Education Agency) to ensure parents are involved in the process.

FJHS will provide opportunities to keep parents involved by requesting their input of the current year and planning for the next fiscal year in the school-wide planning process. During the school’s Open House, the principal will present the School Parental and Family Engagement Policy. Additional parental engagement meetings will include Parent/Student literacy nights, Informational Nights, and PTO meetings to provide parents trainings on how to help their children academically. Also, FJHS has a PBIS system that periodically notifies parents electronically about behavioral updates. Effective communication will require parental participation in app enrollment by creating PBIS credentials. Throughout the school year, the School Parental Engagement Policy will be evaluated to ensure the effectiveness of the policy and to identify any barriers from holding such meetings. Assistance to parents with identified needs will be provided to parents as they are determined.