

# ST. MARTINVILLE JUNIOR HIGH

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### St. Martinville Junior High School Parental and Family Engagement Plan

School Mission Statement: St. Martinville Junior High School will provide instruction so that every student will learn and reach his/her academic potential.

School Vision Statement: The vision of St. Martinville Junior High School is to inspire all students to gain the knowledge, skills, respect, and attitude that will enable them to be successful and productive members of society and the community in which they live.

The St. Martin Parish School Board recognizes that parental involvement is the key to academic achievement. The term parent refers to any caregiver who assumes responsibility for nurturing and caring for children, including parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, step-parents, etc. Studies demonstrate that when parents are involved in their children's education, the attitudes, behaviors, and achievement of students are positively enhanced.

Parents and families provide the primary educational environment for our children; consequently, parents are vital and necessary partners, with the educational communities, throughout their children's school career. Although parents come to the schools with diverse cultural backgrounds, primary languages, and needs, universally all parents want what is best for their children. Parental involvement must be a focus in the classroom if schools are to be able to achieve high academic standards and create productive citizens. Schools, in collaboration with parents, teachers, students, and administrators, must establish and develop efforts that enhance parental involvement and reflect the needs of students, parents, and families in the community which they serve.

In order to meet these expectations, the Parental and Family Engagement Plan for St. Martinville Junior High School will address the following standards from all directions including school to family, family to school, community to school, and school to community:

Standard One: Communication with parents and families (*Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful*):

- Distribution of start of school forms to students (St. Martinville Junior High Student Handbook, St. Martin Parish School Board Student/Parent Handbook and Discipline Policy; student completion of Information Sheet; Internet Acceptable Use Policy)
- Annual Title I meeting
- Progress reports printed and sent home with students midway through each nine-week grading period
- Two parent-teacher conferences conducted per year, facilitated by maintaining an open-door policy through contact with the teacher, counselor, or administrators for these concerns as well as others
- Monthly PTO meetings
- Monthly newsletter
- Encouraging use of the SMP Parent Command Center and providing instruction in its as needed
- Updating of school website with relevant and timely information (staff contact information, school happenings, school calendar, technological and instructional resources)
- Use of student information system automatic calling feature to advise parents/guardians of events happening at the school and student absences and failing grades

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- Hosting of "Meet and Greet" and an Open House to provide parents with an opportunity to get to know school staff
- Awards Ceremonies (one for each of sixth, seventh, and eighth grades) at the end of each nine-week grading period
- Use of school signage to advise public of upcoming school activities
- Teacher websites advise parents of teacher schedule, contact information, and class homework
- Continuous solicitation of parent comments and concerns through the use of parent surveys
- Provision and implementation of SMJH Parent-School Compact
- Recognition of outstanding student achievement in local newspapers

Standard Two: Parenting Skills (*Responsible parenting is promoted and supported*):

- Provision of annual Title I Orientation meeting to explain Title I policies, legal requirements, parent rights, services, and compacts
- Hosting of LEAP Parent Awareness Training
- Provision of standardized test taking tips and strategies
- Hosting of Family Reading Events and Family Math Events
- Student attendance at St. Martin Parish Annual Back to School Summit
- Encouragement of students to read AR books , including rewards for improvements in reading and/or comprehension
- Life-Skills training provided to all students through regularly scheduled Physical Education classes (all grades), as well as specific instruction from an outside source provided to sixth grade students
- Informing parents of the Positive Behavior Support procedures to be utilized to reward good character and student behavior
- Sponsorship of the annual Meet and Greet event

Standard Three: Student Learning and Learning at Home (*Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning*):

- Sponsoring of Red Ribbon Week activities (Drug Awareness/Prevention), Yellow Ribbon Week Activities (Suicide Awareness/Prevention), Character Counts Week activities
- Strong support and incorporation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program
- Participation in school- and parish-level Social Studies and Science Fairs
- Participation in Veterans of Foreign Wars and Knights of Columbus essay writing competitions
- Informing parents about Guidebook 2.0 (ELA) and Eureka (Math) curricula and the use of iReady software as a diagnostic and/or progress monitoring tool
- Use of released PARCC Practice Tests (ELA) to better prepare students for standardized testing
- Response to Intervention tutoring and iReady instructional licenses provided to students as determined by need
- Use of Accelerated Reader program to encourage students to read, both at school and at home
- Availability of additional resource (Khan Academy) for students struggling in math

Standard Four: Volunteering (*Schools are open and inviting to parents and families and are actively seeking parental support and assistance for school programs*):

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- Maintaining a log of parent and community volunteers and the related activities
- Engaging parents and the community to assist with planning, learning, and support activities
- Encourage and seek out opportunities for parents and community to regularly volunteer in school-sponsored activities
- Scheduling of events/presentations facilitated by community volunteers (Narconon on drug abuse prevention; University of Louisiana at Lafayette nursing students on managing stress)

Standard Five: School Decision Making and Advocacy (*Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families*):

- St. Martin Parish Library to host "Deep In My Heart", a new dynamic musical lecture that covers the music of the Civil Rights movement
- St. Martinville Kiwanis organization participation in year-end awards ceremony and donation of bicycles to top two students of each grade
- Partnering with Sonic to reward students with coupons for end of nine-week grading period award ceremonies
- Beta Club sponsoring of annual food drive to benefit local families in need
- Partnering with Raising Cane's to reward students who showed improvement/achievement in the iReady and Accelerated Reader programs
- Maintenance of a supply of school uniforms on campus for those in need
- Offering of fifth hour Buddies Program in which students are provided with an adult mentor

Standard Six: Collaborating with the Community (*Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning*):

- Pupil Progression Committee
- School Based Learning Committee
- Crisis Response Team
- School Improvement Team
- Title I School-Wide Planning Committee
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Team
- Response to Intervention Team
- Leadership Committee

St. Martinville Junior High School will implement these activities as well as continually seek out additional opportunities to encourage family, parental, and community engagement in the success of our school and that of student success and achievement. All activities will be conducted in compliance with the St. Martin Parish Parent Involvement Policy and the Louisiana Department of Education.

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