

THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

2019 – 2020

Parental Involvement Policy

PART I GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Thomas Jefferson Middle School (TJMS) agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- TJMS will distribute a School Parental Involvement Policy to parents of students, developed and approved by the school's Parent Involvement Committee.
- TJMS will notify parents about school's Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format.
- TJMS will make the Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community.
- TJMS will periodically update the Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents, students, and the school.
- TJMS will adopt the Parental Involvement Policy as a component of its school-parent compact.
- TJMS agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;

(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

(C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

PART II DESCRIPTION OF HOW TJMS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. TJMS will take the following actions to involve parents in the ongoing joint development and agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy.

- Distribute the following materials to parents: Districtwide Parental Involvement Policy, Student-Parent Compact and TJMS's Parental Involvement Policy.
- The Parent Involvement Committee will adopt these documents each year.

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2. TJMS will take the following actions to distribute the TJMS Parental Involvement Policy to parents of students and the local community:

- It will be available on the TJMS website in the following locations:
 - Permanently posted as an item under the 'For Parents' tab.
 - Under the 'Parent Engagement' tab.
- Copies will be available in the TJMS Main Office and Guidance Counselor's Office
- At Back To School/Orientation Night, copies will be available and the school administrators will encourage parents to find the policy on TJMS website.

3. TJMS will update its School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and school:

- This document will be updated each year, The Parent Involvement Committee will review, revise and adopt this document each year.

PART III. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

TJMS administration and faculty believe that student achievement and well-being is enhanced through the combined efforts of school staff and engaged parents. To that end, TJMS welcomes and encourages parent participation and involvement. The 'For Parents' tab on the TJMS website contains more detailed information on many of the following involvement opportunities.

Parent involvement at TJMS includes all of the following:

- Participation in student academic support:
 - Encourage students to
 - Advocate for themselves
 - Fully utilize morning and afternoon tutorial support
 - Become aware of student support services and opportunities available
 - Become familiar with and regularly visit the online Home Access Center to view grades, attendance and assignments.
- Parent committees of student participation activities:
 - Band Parent Booster Club
 - Parents of Athletes Booster Club
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
 - Become a member
 - Attend the general meetings

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- Hold a leadership position
- Lead a committee
- Volunteer opportunities organized through the PTA
 - Examples -
 - Fundraising Activities and Events
 - Student Registration Week Assistance
 - PTA Committees - (numerous)
 - District-wide committees
- Parent Involvement Committee
 - All parents are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

This policy has been created for all TJMS families. It is part of the Single Site Plan and is reviewed annually by TJMS Parent Involvement Committee.

PART V. ADOPTION

This policy was adopted by TJMS Site Parent Involvement Committee on August 15, 2018 and is effective for the 2018-2019 school year.