Parent and Family Engagement Policy

James Coble Middle
School 2023-2024
Mansfield ISD

District Mission: To inspire and educate students to be productive citizens.

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy was developed in alignment with Coble's core values: Pride. Respect. Responsibility.

I. Parents will be afforded the opportunity to have input in the parent improvement plan at the campus and district level.

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  Coble MS will send home a copy of the Parent Involvement Plan and post it to the school website. Parents will have the opportunity to raise concerns at PTA meetings and site-based decision meetings.

- Annual Parent Meeting

  Coble MS will hold an annual meeting at the beginning of the semester so parents can be notified of school-wide policies and regulations. This meeting will be a virtual meeting.

II. Schools are open to parents and families and actively seek parental support and assistance for school programs. Parents are welcome in the school and their support and assistance is encouraged when possible. Capitalizing on the expertise and skills of the parents strengthens the family, school and community partnership.

Partnership opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- PTA
- Tutoring
- After school clubs on campus
- Athletics
- Fine Arts Programs

Robotics
NJHS
Art Club
Battle of the Books

- Men of Honor — Coyote Camp
- Leading Ladies — Step Team
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) — FCA
- Parent Liaison for Academic competitions — DOC Squad

III. Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families. Parents and. educators have a joint responsibility to make informed decisions related to all aspects of the students' education.

- Parent Surveys
- Parent Education Nights
- PTA (Parent Teacher Association)
- IEP (Individual Education Plan) meetings
- LPAC (Language Proficiency Assessment Committee)
- SBDM (Site Based Decision Making) meetings

IV. Provide outreach for Limited English Proficient students and parents, so they can receive adequate communication about progress being made and about becoming involved in the campus community.

- <u>Parent Resources</u>
    - Parenting and educational information will be provided in both English and Spanish.
    - School notices and bulletins will be provided in both English and Spanish.
    - Computers and personnel assistance will be provided in both English and Spanish.
    - Skyward is available to both parents and students to access grades and attendance reports.
    - Teacher class information is on individual teacher websites and Canvas pages.

V. Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning. Schools and parents will cultivate relationships with additional members of the community in order to promote and effectively increase educational opportunities for children. Together, parents, educators, and community members will join efforts toward identifying and promoting community resources and innovative programs for strengthening schools, families, and student learning. Programs will include but are not limited to:

- JCMS assists with food baskets, canned goods, turkeys, etc.
- Mission Arlington
- College/Financial Planning
- College and Career Nights at Ben Barber
- Toys for Tots

VI. Provide an opportunity for the campus and the parents to jointly develop a

School-Parent Compact that will be implemented annually. The Parent-School Compact will include: the school's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment, in a way that each parent will be responsible for supporting their child's learning and addressing the importance of ongoing communication between teachers and parents.

- School-Parent Compacts

    - Coble Middle School will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The Parent School Compact will be sent at the beginning of the year through the S'mores Newsletter.

    - Provide notice and information under the "Parent Right to Know" requirement to all parents in Title I schools in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable in both English and Spanish.

VII. Engage all parents in partnership committed to student success.

- The administrative team will serve as the Guidance Advisory Committee and will assist the campus in meeting the needs of the JCMS community.
- Partner with community organizations to encourage family involvement.
- The school will openly communicate with parents and students through Skyward, the JCMS website, JCMS Facebook, S'mores Newsletter, and Skylert.
- Continue career events for 8th graders.
- New incoming students will be invited to Coyote Camp as allowed.
- Provide welcome meetings for parents and students.
- Promote 8th grade day at Timberview to ease the transition to high school.
- Promote a 6th grade Parent Night in the spring prior for incoming students.
- Hold site-based meetings.
- Continue to hold Awards assemblies in May.
- Hold winter and spring concerts for band and choir.
- Hold a Parent Curriculum Night.
- Student Art Show for parents.
- DOC Squad- (Dad's on Campus).