

Anita White Carson Middle School
Title I Family Engagement Plan
2022 – 2023

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The mission of Carson Middle School is to teach and learn in a safe and engaging environment. Carson Middle School understands that a strong partnership between the school and parents is vital to ensure the success of our students. Parents are invited to participate in annual Title I programs and input sessions. Parents receive surveys asking for their input of needs to be included in the school's engagement plan. This plan is published on the school district's website and available in the parent resource center. Parents can leave electronic or paper comments which will be shared with district federal program's staff through digital or paper. We believe teachers and parents share the responsibility for a child's success. Communication between home and school is vital to setting positive examples for our children. At Carson Middle School we stand by our vision: "Creating Productive Citizens".

In order to guarantee student success, partnership among schools and parents are vital. Parents participate on school committees such as Title I, Cognia, District Parent Advisory Council, School Council and Media. At CMS, we recognize that parents are their children's primary teachers and their support is critical in our efforts to provide a quality education to the children at Carson Middle School. In order to maximize the success of our students the following items or events are planned to involve parents at CMS.

- **Title I Staff Orientation:** Staff orientation addressing the value and utility of the contributions of parents and how to reach out and communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners to build ties between school and home. A presentation shows the staff what it means to be a Title I school and how we became a school-wide Title I school. In addition, the staff is told how we use our Title I funds to support parents' and students' needs. The school's plan is discussed and the goals we set for this year are reviewed so the staff is familiar with their part in helping the school attain the goals. Staff will participate in online trainings and professional development discussing how to engage parents.
- **Title I Information to Parents:** Parents will receive explanation to the Title I School-wide program and be informed of their school's participation under the Title I. The jointly developed Parent-School-Teacher Compact including the parent's responsibility for supporting their child's learning will be addressed. This compact will describe academic responsibilities of the teacher, student, and parent. This is in order to build a strong partnership amongst all stakeholders as we support our students to grow academically.
- **Agenda Books:** Each student in grades 4-8 receives an agenda book to help with communication between school and home.
- **School Website:** Provides a variety of information about the entire school and is updated regularly. Provides parents with access to teacher web pages for special notices, teacher background, instructional resources and educational web links. CMS teacher web pages will be emphasized to both teachers for updating and parents for reviewing. As needed announcements will be posted on the school website, Facebook, and Twitter along with usage of the Tiger Calling System.
- **Grade Level Communication:** Each grade level communicates with parents utilizing a variety of methods: newsletters, phone calls, agenda books, School Status, and email.

- **Parent Portal** has also been added to increase parent involvement through a real-time preview of student information on grades, attendance, and discipline.
- **Parent Survey:** Administered to parents throughout the school year to provide information to use in the school improvement plan, parent compact, Family Engagement Plan, and 1% of the allocated funds.

In order to foster a positive relationship between parents and the schools, general meetings are conducted throughout the school year. Parents are surveyed for topics they would like to see added to the school year's meeting dates. Meetings dates are offered at various times in order to meet scheduling needs. Transportation is offered as an option for families. Parents can bring children and childcare is available as the need arise. These informational meetings include:

- *Curriculum Night
- *Annual Open House
- *Annual Title 1 Meeting
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences
- *Student Led Conferences
- *Title I Parent Workshops
- *Assessment Workshop
- *Academic Parent Teacher Teams

Carson Middle School will work with the high school and elementary schools in the county to help provide a smooth transition from one school to another. Carson Middle School will engage parents in the following types of activities to increase involvement and to help make parents more comfortable in the school environment and to support student learning:

- *Meet the Teacher
- *Open House
- *Annual Title I Meetings
- *Curriculum Events
- *Band/Music Performances
- *Veterans Day Celebration
- *Parent Engagement Day
- *Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
- *African-American History Month Celebration
- *Student of the Month Events
- *Awards Programs
- *PBIS incentive activities
- *Grade Level Transition Events
- *Various field trips

Carson Middle School utilizes the district's communication system to communicate with parents throughout the school year. Blackboard Connect/School Status is an automated telephone messaging system that is also used to provide parents with announcements, meeting reminders, attendance, and other pertinent school information. As with all communication throughout the school and district this Family Engagement Plan is available in languages spoken by our stakeholders.