

Anita White Carson Middle School
Title I Family Engagement Plan
2018 – 2019
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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. 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, AdvancED, 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.
- **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 Parent-School-Teacher Compact including the parent's responsibility for supporting their child's learning will be addressed.
- **Agenda Books:** Each student in grades 6-8 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, REMIND application, and email.
- **Parent Survey:** Administered to parents throughout the school year to provide information to use in the school improvement plan.

In order to foster a positive relationship between parents and the schools, general meetings are conducted throughout the school year. These informational meetings include:

- *Curriculum Night
- *Annual Open House
- *Annual Title 1 Meeting
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences
- *Title I Parent Workshops/Parent Universities

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
- *Veteran's Day Celebration
- *Thanksgiving Luncheon
- *African-American History Month Celebration
- *Student of the Month Luncheons
- *Honor's Day
- * Grade level PBIS incentive activity
- *Various field trips
- *Participation in homecoming parade

Carson Middle School utilizes the district's communication system to communicate with parents throughout the school year. Blackboard Connect is an automated telephone messaging system that is also used to provide parents with announcements, meeting reminders, attendance, and other pertinent school information.

Parent Portal has also been added to increase parent involvement through a real-time preview of student information on grades, attendance, and discipline.