

# **Tuloso-Midway Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Tuloso-Midway Middle School understands that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular meaningful communication involving students academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.
- Parents and families are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in their education of their child.

## **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

The purpose of Title I, Part A is to improve the basic programs at the campus level and to provide opportunities for children to acquire the knowledge and skills contained in the state content standards (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills-TEKS). Campuses receiving Title I, Part A, funds must implement programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Title I program. Parental Engagement is one of the ten components of a school wide Title I Program. Therefore, Tuloso-Midway Middle School agrees to:

- Follow a written policy regarding parental involvement;
- Involve parents and community members in the design, operation and evaluation of Title I practices;
- Consult with the stakeholders about home/school activities;
- Train parents in order to enable them to help their children, and to
- Present all communications in the language spoken by the majority of the Title I parents.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING POLICY**

A Parent Engagement Committee (PEC) will be created at the beginning of each year with their objective being to plan, develop, evaluate, support, and revise school improvement plans with a focus on parent and family engagement. This process will involve the composition of a diverse group of parents, family members, community leaders, educators, and school staff. Regular quarterly meetings will be held for discussion and planning with a focus on updates to school improvement plans, upcoming events and feedback on current initiatives. The PEC will play a critical role in guiding the development of initiatives aimed at strengthening the partnership between home, school, and community.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND SOCIAL PERFORMANCE**

One of the primary functions of the PEC will be to identify ways that Tuloso-Midway Middle School can plan and implement effective parent involvement programs. The campus will also promote and encourage staff development for employees on establishing effective relationships with parents as a means to increase academic achievement.

## **BUILDING THE SCHOOLS' AND PARENTS' CAPACITY FOR STRONG PARENT INVOLVEMENT:**

Tuloso-Midway Middle School will involve the PEC in identifying barriers to parent involvement and to provide parent involvement strategies. The campus will support a variety of parental involvement strategies as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. To the extent practicable, parents of EB, disabled, and migratory students will be given full opportunities to participate in parent involvement activities. Information will be provided, to the extent practicable, in a format and language such parents understand.

## **ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT MEETING:**

TM Middle School will hold a Title I meeting each year at which parents will be informed of the current Title I guidelines. Copies of the Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed. Parents will be encouraged to become involved in advising and updating the policy as necessary.

The meeting will be held at the TM Middle School campus. Language translation will be provided to ensure parent participation and attendance. Written notices and media/web-based attention will be directed at attracting as many parents as possible.

## **HOME-SCHOOL COMPACT:**

A teacher-parent-student compact is developed annually to promote student achievement. This compact describes the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have in helping students accomplish their goals. Parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact before signing. There will be two methods of delivery. The first will be on the school website under the Title I tab. The second will be through ParentSquare distribution to all families.

## **SCHOOL-PARENT COMMUNICATION:**

The most important way to foster parental involvement is through various methods of communication throughout the school year. School social media, conference, phone calls, emails, texts, home visits, written notices, Parent Square will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication. In addition, the school website, ParentSquare and school social media will be utilized for communicating with parents and the community.

All TM Middle School staff are expected to promote positive communication activities as well as effective means to work with parents each grading period. Parents are encouraged to attend informational meetings on the campus such as Meet the Teacher Night, Student/Parent Conferences, the library link, information training for parents, and other informational meetings and activities held during the year. Parents are also encouraged to contact the school and/or their child's teachers if they have any questions or concerns about the instructional programs at TM Middle School.

## **CROSS-PROGRAM COORDINATION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES:**

Parent involvement strategies will be incorporated into Tuloso-Midway Middle School curriculum and programs through the Campus Improvement Plan. Parent involvement will be aligned with the entire educational program.

**ANNUAL EVALUATION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM:**

TM Middle School will work annually with its Campus Improvement Team, campus site-based committees to evaluate the effectiveness of the parent involvement program. Surveys, classroom observations, assessment data, parent input and other resources will be used to determine the needs and develop strategies for student success.

**INVOLVING PARENTS IN ACTIVITIES OF TITLE I CAMPUSES:**

Tuloso-Midway Middle School will use Title I Funds to provide school wide services to all students. Parents will be involved in a variety of strategies as the campus strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs, as well as by creating a supportive home atmosphere. The community may participate through an array of activities that promote student success. The campus and its parents will develop and maintain specific parent involvement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of all stakeholders.

Tuloso-Midway Middle School welcomes your input. If you would like to share your input please complete the information below and return with your child.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_