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Monte Vista Middle School 2025-26 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Challenging and Preparing Our Students – At Monte Vista Middle School we believe that a partnership must exist between our parents and our school, so we promote positive communication between the school and our students' homes. Monte Vista Middle School strives to provide a variety of opportunities for all parents to be involved in activities supporting our school. We also provide activities and materials that can successfully be used at home to reinforce academic success for students. As a Title I school, we believe that teachers and parents share a responsibility to nurture our children's education.

We are committed to working with our parents to write a comprehensive engagement policy that describes how the parental involvement requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) will be carried out at our school. This plan is reviewed and revised annually with the School Site Council (SSC), at a meeting open to all parents and family members, where we explain our parent and family engagement program and inform them of their right to be involved in their children's education. Parents and family members are always invited to formally share any recommended amendments or ask any questions related to our parent and family engagement school policy during any SSC meeting. Additionally, parents will also receive information about the school's family engagement activities during our quarterly English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meetings, Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) sessions, and biweekly Parent Cafés hosted by our Parent Liaison. When it is completed, a hard copy of this Title I Plan is made available to parents upon request and is published on our school's web site.

It is our goal to provide an atmosphere where parents can proactively express their views and to assist in problem solving. We want all parents to understand that we view them as joint policy and decision makers and plan to emphasize their roles as advocates. The following is a list of services and activities to promote parental involvement and provide additional support for student learning:

1. School staff will use a variety of communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instructions.

- Our school will continually update our website and MVMS Facebook page to ensure communication between our school and our families. The MVMS website includes links to teachers' contact information, digital resources, and school calendars and schedules. It also includes school news, school activities, and resources for parents and students to promote academic achievement and overall student wellness.
- Administration will use Parent Square to send regular and urgent updates and communications. Families, staff, and students all have access to Parent Square to both view and respond to messages.

- In addition, parents can access their child's grades using the AERIES Parent Portal they receive at the beginning of the school year. Parents may use email to communicate with members of the school staff.
- Each student at MVMS is given an agenda/calendar at the beginning of the school year so that students can record their assignments and important events daily. Teachers often use the student agendas as well to communicate with parents, and parents can use them as well to contact teachers.
- Teachers will contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress.
- Our school will provide parents with report cards every quarter, available on AERIES.
- We have a Parent Liaison and translators who help teachers and parents communicate effectively with one another.

2. **The school will hold parent meetings, conferences, and activities regularly throughout the year to increase parental involvement and build staff capacity to engage in these types of efforts.**

- These meetings will include parent-training sessions to help parents understand how to enhance their child's education.
- Outside speakers will provide parents with more information concerning ways to make their child's academic life more successful.
- The school will inform parents about the school's participation in the Title I programs and to encourage parents to be involved with reviewing and revision of the School's Title I Plan.
- After the first quarter, MVMS will hold a Report Card Conference Week so that parents can meet with teachers. Teachers will provide parents with an explanation of the statewide assessment systems, standards, and other accountability measures. Parents will be given a summary of their student's test scores, standards, and other accountability measures. Parents will also receive an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts. Parents will also be given suggestions for coordinating school-parent efforts and explanations of homework and grading procedures.
- The school will engage parents and families in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning.
    - Parent education workshops
    - Orientation presentations
    - Award assembly presentations
    - Back-to-school night and Open House
    - Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) sessions
    - English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
    - Family-friendly afterschool events (like our spring carnival)
    - Field trip volunteers
    - Concert assistance
    - Various committees

3. **The school will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.**

    - The school will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program.
    - The school will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer effort with the help of the parents and teachers. Teachers will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school. Brief training sessions will provide parents and community members with the information they need to participate as school volunteers in order to put them at ease and make the experience pleasant and successful.

4. **The classroom teacher will review the School-Parent-Student Compact with the parents.**

    - School staff, parents, and students will review and sign a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards.

5. **The school will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in decision-making processes in regarding the school's Title I, Part A program.**

    - Our school will involve parents on school improvement planning committees including School Site Council (SSC) and the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). To support this process, the school will offer both school staff and parents training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way.
    - Our school will engage parents in decisions about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement.

6. **The school will engage parents in an evaluation of parental involvement efforts.**

    - The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a survey filled out by teachers, parents, and school staff. The Title I Committee, made up of teachers, parents, and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in numbers of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.

MONTE VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The 2024-2025 Title I Parental Involvement Plan that follows was developed through the joint efforts of the certificated staff, the leadership team made up of grade level representative School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Committee.

This Title I Parental Involvement Plan was adopted by the SSC at a public meeting on: 9/24/25

Attested:

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Print name of SSC chairperson	Signature of SSC chairperson	Date