

MCCAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent & Family Engagement Plan

OUR COMMITMENT TO FAMILIES

McCain Middle School believes students are most successful when families and schools work together to support academic growth, positive behavior, and school engagement. As students transition into greater independence during the middle school years, strong communication and partnership with families remains essential. This plan describes how McCain Middle School engages parents and families throughout the year to support student learning and success.

HOW WE SHARE INFORMATION WITH FAMILIES

McCain Middle School provides families with timely, clear, and accessible information about programs, expectations, and student progress. Families may select their preferred communication methods in Infinite Campus.

Communication methods include:

- Infinite Campus Parent Portal (grades, attendance, schedules, messages)
- School newsletters
- McCain Middle School Facebook page
- Teacher and advisory communication (email, phone, in-person)
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Title I parent meetings

Important information is translated as needed, and interpretation services are available upon request to ensure all families can participate fully.

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Family engagement at McCain Middle School focuses on helping families understand:

- Middle school academic expectations
- Grading and assessment practices
- Study skills, organization, and goal setting
- How families can support learning and responsibility at home

Opportunities for engagement include conferences, academic information nights, and events aligned to core content areas. These activities reinforce shared responsibility for student achievement. Family engagement activities are coordinated with district initiatives and other

applicable programs, including Title I-C, Title III, and McKinney-Vento, to reduce barriers and support learner success.

ONGOING COMMUNICATION & STUDENT SAFETY

McCain Middle School emphasizes consistent, two-way communication between families and staff. Expectations include:

- Regular communication from teachers and advisory staff
- Routine positive parent contacts made by staff
- Timely responses to questions or concerns
- Clear communication when academic, attendance, or behavioral concerns arise

The district's student transportation/busing app notifies families when students arrive at school and depart for home, supporting communication, attendance, and safety.

UPDATES ON STUDENT PROGRESS

Families receive frequent updates on student progress through:

- Progress reports and report cards
- Online access to grades and attendance through Infinite Campus
- Assessment results and explanations
- Intervention, MTSS, or support updates as needed
- Attendance notifications and summaries

Staff collaborate to ensure families understand both academic strengths and areas for growth.

HELPING FAMILIES SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME

McCain Middle School provides resources to help families support learning and student responsibility, including:

- Academic information nights (study skills, organization, content-specific strategies)
- Guidance on using Infinite Campus and monitoring progress
- Homework and learning support strategies
- Digital learning resources and tools

These supports are designed to help families navigate the middle school years and support increasing student independence.

TIMELINE OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

TIME OF YEAR	FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY	PURPOSE
August	Back-to-School / Schedule Pick-Up / Open House	Build relationships; share expectations
October	Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences Title I Parent Meeting	Review academic progress and goals Inform families about Title I and engagement opportunities
Throughout Year	Friday School & After-School Support	Tutoring and skill building
March	Parent Teacher Conferences	Review academic progress and goals
April	Transition Planning Events (as applicable)	Prepare for the next grade level
May	Parent Survey Result Review Meeting Title 1 Plan Review/Revision	Gather feedback for improvement Make changes to plan for the coming year

Additional communication and engagement occur throughout the year as needed.

SHARING THIS PLAN

This Parent & Family Engagement Plan is shared with families through:

- School newsletters
- School and district websites
- Title I meetings
- Alternative formats or languages upon request

ANNUAL REVIEW & FAMILY FEEDBACK

Parents and families are invited annually to review and provide feedback on this plan through:

- Surveys
- Conferences and meetings
- Title I planning discussions

Feedback is used to strengthen family engagement practices at McCain Middle School through a thorough review by school leadership and used to make revisions to engagement activities, communication methods, and the annual Parent & Family Engagement Plan.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Through collaboration with families, staff, and community partners, McCain Middle School works to reduce barriers, strengthen engagement, and support student success. This plan reflects our belief that students thrive when families and schools work together, especially during the critical middle school years.

ANNUAL REVIEW DATE

This plan is reviewed and updated annually with family input.