

## **South Lake Middle School Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy**

South Lake Middle School staff believes that well-informed parents who are actively engaged in the decision making process relative to their children's education contribute significantly to the success of each student and the school as a whole.

1. In order to support parents of students identified for services under the school's ESSA Title 1 Program to be informed and know they are welcome at school, the SLMS Staff will hold at least one annual meeting to inform parent of the schools participation in the Title 1 Part A program, to explain the program's requirements and the right of parents to be involved in the Title 1, Part A programs.
2. The school will convene the meeting at a convenient time to parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite to this meeting all parents of students participating in Title 1, Part A program and will encourage parents to attend.
3. The school will provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.
4. The school will provide to parents of participating children information in a timely manner about the school's Title 1, Part A program that includes a description and explanation of the schools' curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
5. The school will solicit requests from parents and will provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible.

6. The school will provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their student on the California assessment in math and language arts (CAASPP).
7. The School-Parent-Student Compact which outlines how the parents, the entire staff and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement will be shared with each parent during the goal-setting conference for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and through Homeroom in 8<sup>th</sup> grade between individual parent and teacher and student annually. Teachers will provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.
8. Explanations of and special invitations to participate in established programs of parent involvement will be extended to parents of Title 1 identified students. Examples of programs at South Lake Middle School which invite parent involvement are:
  - Back-to-School night
  - Conferences
  - Open House
  - Parent Teacher Association
  - School Site Council Advisory Committee
9. School staff will coordinate and integrate parent involvement opportunities with other programs in the school such as PTSA, ELAC, Tuesday Talks, and SSC.
10. School staff will conduct activities that encourage and support parents to know how to support the learning environment at school and how to support a learning environment at home. Examples of those activities are:
  - Welcome Back Coffee with Principal
  - Principal's Bi-Weekly Newsletter
  - Invitation to PTSA Meetings
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Information Night
11. The staff will provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the

meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title 1 Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).

12. The school staff will conduct, with parent involvement, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the school. Results of the evaluation will guide staff to design strategies for more effective parent involvement and, if necessary, revising the parent involvement policy.
13. The South Lake Middle School Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy will be jointly developed with input taken from SLMS staff and parents of Title 1 students served in the school. The policy will be submitted to and approved by the South Lake Middle School Site Council on an annual basis.
14. The policy is developed and revised annually to encourage parent participation in school programs and parent partnerships in building effective and supportive learning environments for students. Implementation of this policy and development of partnerships with parents is an important element in our quest to enable all students to achieve high academic standards.