

Atkins Middle School Parental Involvement Policy, 2021-2022

The Title I Parental Involvement section of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Public Law 114-95 Section 1116. PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT, *requires each Title I school to jointly develop with and distribute to parents of participating children, a written parental involvement policy. The purpose of Title I is to provide activities and services which support students in meeting the state's academic standards. Schools receiving Title I, Part A funds must implement programs and activities for the involvement of parents. In order to build a dynamic home-school partnership, Atkins will implement the following programs and activities...*



Purpose	Activities/Strategies
<i>The school will involve parents in the joint development and joint agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy and its school wide plan, if applicable, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way under section 1118(b) of the ESEA.</i>	Parent Meeting held to prepare 2021-2022 plan. Strengthen partnerships with the community to increase shared responsibility and trust by increasing parent voice and input in a way which is more representative of the district's demographics.
<i>The school will distribute to parents of participating children and the local community, the School Parental Involvement Policy.</i>	A synopsis of the plan is sent home in Thursday handouts. The plan is available in folders posted in the front foyer of the school and on the website. School Messenger will notify parents.
<i>The school will provide to parents of participating children a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.</i>	Depending on COVID restrictions, Student Success Night will be conducted in the fall and spring to share student assessment data. Assessment information from the TEA is mailed home to parents three times annually. Istation and Imagine Math progress will be sent home periodically.
<i>The school will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.</i>	Parents are invited to a Dojo and Gradebook Sign up and training session (virtually due to COVID restrictions). Those who do not attend have information sent home to them through Thursday handouts. Teacher training regarding effective communication will be held in the fall and spring.
<i>The school will, with the assistance of its district, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.</i>	Depending on COVID restrictions, Student Success Night will be conducted in the fall and spring to share student assessment data. AVID Parent Night will be held and parents invited. Parent Technology Training will be planned for parents to assist them in navigating online tools available to them.
<i>The school will, with the assistance of its district and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.</i>	Training on communicating with parents will be provided to all staff during professional development. Additional training for new staff on how to work with parents will be planned.
<i>The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.</i>	Use of automated calling system to communicate with parents in English and Spanish. We send home information, updates, and newsletters every Thursday with both a paper and electronic version. Parents are invited to a Class Dojo and Gradebook Sign up and training session (virtually due to COVID restrictions). Those who do not attend have information sent home to them so they can see when their children are rewarded in school.
<i>The School Parental Involvement Policy may include additional discretionary activities that the school chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school to support their children's academic achievement.</i>	Depending on COVID restrictions, Student Success Night will be conducted in the fall and spring to share student assessment data.