



Academy Middle School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2022-2023



At Academy Middle School, we are committed to promoting a positive learning community through engaging instruction, building relationships, and inspiring all students to meet their highest potential and become lifelong learners.

Communication: Parents are communicated with using a variety of different methods. Some of them may include: campus fliers, campus marquee, campus newsletter, social media accounts, online school website, Blackboard automated phone calls, and Remind 101.

We strongly encourage parents to communicate with staff members. They may be reached via phone calls, notes, as well as emails. We believe that through strong, clear communication our students are able to be the most successful. Written materials will be sent home in both English and Spanish. If there is another language that an item needs to be translated into, please let us know and we will try our best to ensure this is done for you.

Parent and Family Learning: We are here to support you through understanding what the Texas academic standards are, and also provide you information about STAAR and Academy ISD assessments. We will also share with you how to monitor your child's progress and ways to work with teachers as a team to help your student. Parents are able to access their child's curriculum by using the TEKS Resource Parent Portal. Additionally, parents can actively monitor their student's grades through the Parent Portal. Additional classes will be provided to support your student at home, such as how to remain current with the ever changing world of technology and ways to support your children with literacy. We understand that many parents are unable to attend at the select dates, so we will make an effort to provide these information meetings at a variety of dates. If you have any suggestions about our learning topics, please contact Ms.Hargrave, AMS counselor. If you would like to have a meeting about your child's education to make suggestions, please email Mr. Ramsey, AMS Principal, at cole.ramsey@academyisd.net.

Annual Title Meeting: Our annual Title I meeting is held in September and October of every school year. This meeting is offered at two dates, one in the morning and one during the evening, to allow parents an opportunity to attend if unable on one of the dates. All parents and family members are invited to attend. During this time, we want to share with you what Title I is and how these funds are used to ensure students are successful. We also discuss the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the Home-School Compact, "Parents Right to Know" and a variety of ways you can be involved to support your child's education. The curriculum we use, academic assessments, and what our current data is will be provided as well.

Title I Program Evaluation: Several times a year our Site Based Decision Making committee evaluates our Title I program and progress. The SBDM, which must include at least one parent, provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan and assists in making decisions about how Title I funds are spent. If you are interested in serving on SBDM, please contact AMS principal, Mr. Ramsey. Since we know not all parents are able to serve on this committee, we provide an annual meeting that evaluates the plan and gains parents input on changes for the upcoming year. Please know, that if the CIP is for some reason not satisfactory to parents, parent comments about the CIP may be submitted to Mr. Ramsey.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact: Every Spring we must review the Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact. We meet together to discuss and make changes to these documents for the next school year. During this time, we would greatly appreciate your support and input! Parents and family members are a crucial, required part of this process. Both of these documents are posted on our campus website so that parents, family members, and the community have access to them. Our website will allow you to translate any posted information into any of the 107 different languages. The parent policy is also made available during the Annual Title I meeting and is included in our Bumblebee Basics.

Volunteers: For Volunteer opportunities, please contact the AMS office at 254-982-4620.

Staff Awareness: Academy Middle School staff members receive annual training about the value of parent and family contributions at school. We discuss how to build community and work with parents as equal partners to make sure that all students are successful in their learning. Our staff is kept up to date on our various parent programs, their role in the implementation and coordination of the programs, and how they can encourage parent and family participation.