

**Tennyson Middle School**

**Title I**

**Parent Involvement Policy**

Parental involvement is vital to the academic success of students. The goal of a parental involvement policy is to establish guidelines and identify programs for enhancing parental involvement. The following policy was developed jointly and agreed upon by the staff and parents, of Tennyson Middle School in pursuant to Title I.

#### Policy Involvement

- Tennyson Middle School will convene an annual meeting to which all parents of Tennyson students will be invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will inform parents of their school's participation under Title I and explain the requirements and the right of the parents to be involved.

Annual Meeting on October 1, 2009

Topics of discussion are attached

- Tennyson Middle School will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evenings as such services relate to parental involvement.

Meet the Teacher Night

Open House

TAKS Night

PTA Meetings

Teacher Conference

- Tennyson Middle School will provide necessary assistance and support to assist our Title I school in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
  - Encourage parents to volunteer
  - Provide opportunities for parent education
  - Assist parents in providing home support for their student's education
  - Provided opportunities for parents to provide in campus decision making
  - Maintain effective communication between the school and home
- Tennyson Middle School will provide parents of participating students with:
  - Timely information:  
Email, School Messenger, Newsletter, Notes,

Phone calls, School Website, Staff Webpage

- Description of Curriculum:
    - CSCOPE curriculum discussion during October 1, 2009 Meeting
    - Teacher conferences
  - Forms of academic assessment:
    - CSCOPE assessments, District 6 weeks assessments, TAKS
  - Proficiency levels students are expected to meet:
    - 70% at grade level
    - A Scale score of 2100 on all TAKS assessments
  - Opportunities for decision-making related to the education of the student:
    - CDMC Meetings
    - Open House
    - TAKS Night
    - Teacher Conference
  - Provide materials and training on how parents can improve their child's achievement:
    - Website – links to TAKS Study Guides, Homework Policy
    - TAKS Night
    - Monthly Parent Pointer flyer with link on website
  - Educate school staff on how to build ties between home and school
    - Administrative/Teacher conference
    - Faculty meeting conversations
    - Staff development
  - Educate faculty and staff on changing and upcoming events
  - Coordinate parental involvement strategies:
    - Parent Connection
    - School Website
    - PTA
  - Information will be available in English and Spanish
  - Encourage partnerships with the community:
    - CDMC members
    - Partners in Education: Poppa Rollos Pizza, American Red Cross, Extraco Banks, Lakewood Christian, Phi Beta Sigma
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- Tennyson Middle School will respond to any parent suggestions as soon as possible. Contact will be made through email, phone, or any necessary means.

