

Carver Community Middle School

2020-2021

Parent and Family Engagement Policy (PFEP) Summary

Mission Statement:

Carver Middle School believes that all students can obtain skills that enable them to be successful now and in the future. Our mission is to encourage involvement of parents and families in the educational process in order to produce an overall increase in academic achievement of our students. This goal is achieved by creating an inviting and informative environment for parents where they will understand and embrace the importance of assisting their child at home.

Involvement of Families/Stakeholders:

To promote excitement for and effective parent involvement between the staff and community, Carver Middle School welcomes input from parents and community members by encouraging them to join us in all school-day and after-school activities. Our goal is to work alongside each parent and community partner in the educational process that focuses on every students' success.

Those involved have input in all Title 1 programs and activities (including the use of Title 1 funds), provide feedback/comments/suggestions to school leadership, and have a part in the decision-making process. Through the school's School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings, parents have the opportunity to review and provide input in writing and evaluating the Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) annually. Parents also have the opportunity to provide input in writing the School-Parent Compact.

Carver looks to parents to provide and discuss creative ideas not only to encourage greater parental involvement, but also to support student achievement. Parents review Family Involvement Survey results to determine necessary changes. Through these discussions, spending of funds for parent and family engagement are considered.

Annual Title 1 Meeting:

At the beginning of each school year, parents are invited to attend our annual Title 1 meeting to learn more about Title 1, its requirements, and our school-wide programs. At this meeting, parents have the opportunity to ask questions, review Title 1 documents and provide input on the following:

- School-Parent Compact
- Parent's Right to Know
- Title 1 Budget
- Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Plan
- Ideas for future parent involvement activities

Accessibility for all Families:

Carver Middle School accommodates all families and provides information and services in a welcoming and friendly environment by:

- Selecting meeting dates and times based on input from parents
- Offering interpreters in Spanish, French and Creole
- Translating documents
- Welcoming whole families (including younger siblings) to meetings and events
- Providing community service opportunities to students who wish to assist at meetings and events

Parent Involvement Activities:

Throughout the year, parents are surveyed to collect information about topics they are interested in learning more about, and parents are notified of these events. The following activities and events are planned in order to assist parents in understanding curriculum and assessments so they can better support their children's learning at home:

- FSA Night: Parents learn how to find information about and practice tests for the FSA, and End-of-Course exams.
- STEM Night: Real-world concepts in Math and Science are introduced to parents so they can work with their children at home.

Communication:

Parents will be provided information in a language and format which is easy to understand. We will communicate with parents by utilizing:

- Emails
- Student Planners
- Student Information System (SIS)
- School Website
- School-wide Callouts via Phone or Text
- Flyers
- Parent Conferences
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- School Newsletter
- Family Involvement Survey
- Postings on School Marquis
- Social Media Outlets

Support for Families:

Through partnerships built between the school district and other agencies, families in need are offered access to assistance through the following:

- Migrant Education Program
- Hospital Homebound
- Child Mentoring Programs
- Homeless Students and Families
- Drug and Alcohol Counseling Services
- Behavioral Health Services

More information about services for families is available by contacting, Ms. Greta Britt, the school's parent liaison.

Volunteer!!!!

Parents and community members are encouraged to volunteer at our school in a variety of capacities that address the needs of our students and school. Examples of volunteer opportunities: translators, media center, after-school dances, parent resource room.



The Parent and Family Engagement Plan was jointly developed by the parents and staff of Carver Community Middle School.