

Anita White Carson Middle School  
Title I Parent Involvement Policy  
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The mission of Carson Middle School is to educate, inspire, challenge, and support all students by preparing them to become life-long learners that are successful in an ever changing world. Carson Middle School understands that a strong partnership between the school and parents is vital to ensure the success of our students. At Carson Middle School we recognize that parent involvement and support is necessary in our efforts to provide a quality education to all students. We believe teachers and parents share the responsibility for a child's success. Communication between home and school is vital to setting positive examples for our children. At Carson Middle School we stand by our vision: "Cultivating Future Graduates".

In order to guarantee student success, partnership among schools and parents are vital. Parents participate on school committees such as Title I, SACS, Media, PTSO, and School Council. At CMS, we recognize that parents are their children's primary teachers and their support is critical in our efforts to provide a quality education to the children at Carson Middle School. In order to maximize the success of our students the following items or events are planned to involve parents at CMS.

- **Title I Staff Orientation:** Staff orientation addressing the value and utility of the contributions of parents and how to reach out and communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners to build ties between school and home. A presentation shows the staff what it means to be a Title I school and how we became a school-wide Title I school. In addition, the staff is told how we use our Title I funds to support parents' and students' needs. The school's plan is discussed and the goals we set for this year are reviewed so the staff is familiar with their part in helping the school attain the goals.
- **Title I Information to Parents:** Parents will receive explanation to the Title I School-wide program and be informed of their school's participation under the Title I. The Parent-School-Teacher Compact including the parent's responsibility for supporting their child's learning will be addressed.
- **After School Tutoring:** (Program Dates TBD) CMS will utilize 21<sup>st</sup> Century / PEAK for tutoring in ELA, math, and reading. CMS is currently not a Focus, Priority, or an Alert school. Thus federal funds, via a Flexible Learning Plan, are not available for tutoring. However CMS does carry funds in the local budget to provide students tutoring opportunities
- **Newsletters:** Sent via mail throughout the school year with updates.
- **Agenda Books:** Each student in grades 6-8 receives an agenda book to help parents know what assignments are due. **This serves as a communication tool between teachers and parents.**
- **School Website:** Provides a variety of information about the entire school and is updated regularly. Provides parents with access to teacher web pages for special notices, teacher background, instructional resources and educational web links. CMS teacher web pages will be emphasized to both teachers for updating and parents for

reviewing. **Homework assignments will be provided on school website for parents to review on a weekly basis. Any special days (ex. Jean Day) will be posted on website.**

- **Parent Survey:** Administered to parents during parent teacher conferences and at the end of the school year to provide information to use in the school improvement plan.

In order to foster a positive relationship between parents and the schools, general meetings are conducted throughout the school year. These informational meetings include:

- \*Curriculum Night
- \*Annual Open House
- \*Annual Title 1 Meeting
- \*Parent-Teacher Conferences
- \*PTSO Meetings Monthly
- \*Local School Council Meetings
- \*Quarterly Saturday Q and A sessions available for all stakeholders to address any comments, concerns, or needs.

Carson Middle School will work with the high school and elementary schools in the county to help provide a smooth transition from one school to another. Carson Middle School will engage parents in the following types of activities to increase involvement and to help make parents more comfortable in the school environment and to support student learning:

- Red Ribbon Week
- International Day of Peace Assembly
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Black History Month Celebration
- Student of the Quarter Breakfasts
- Honors Night
- 8th Grade Completion Ceremony
- Field Day
- Overnight 8th grade field trip
- Various field trips
- IB~Middle Years Programme Informational
- MYP Curriculum Night
- Participation in homecoming parade
- Participation in International Walk to School Day

Carson Middle School utilizes the district's communication system to communicate with parents throughout the school year. NTEC is an automated telephone messaging system that is also used to provide Title 1 parents with announcements, meeting reminders, attendance, and other pertinent school information.

**Parent Portal** has also been added to increase parent involvement through a real-time preview of student information on grades, attendance, and discipline.