

Parent Involvement Policy Tuloso-Midway Intermediate School 2016-2017

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Tuloso-Midway Intermediate is dedicated to providing quality education for every student in a positive environment. To accomplish this objective, we take actions to develop and maintain partnerships with parents and community members so that students benefit from supportive, active involvement of all members of the school community.

The goal of parent involvement is to provide opportunities, training, and information for parents that will help them in assuming a more meaningful role in improving student achievement and increasing their effectiveness when participating in the planning, designing, implementation, and evaluation of school programs.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The purpose of Title I, Part A is to improve the basic programs at the campus level and to provide opportunities for children to acquire the knowledge and skills contained in the state content standards (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills-TEKS). Campuses receiving Title I, Part A, funds must implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Title I program. Parental involvement is one of the ten components of a school wide Title I Program. Therefore, Tuloso-Midway Intermediate agrees to:

- Follow a written policy regarding parental involvement;
- Involve parents and community members in the design, operation and evaluation of Title I practices;
- Consult with the stake holders about home/school activities;
- Train parents in order to enable them to help their children; and to
- Present all communications in the language spoken by the majority of the Title I parents.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING POLICY:

The Campus Site-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Committee is composed of administrators, teachers, parents, and community members will meet to discuss the design and implementation of the Parent Involvement Policy.

Tuloso-Midway Intermediate School will actively recruit volunteers for the SBDM Committee through various avenues of publicity. Committee selections will produce a diverse group of stakeholders that represent an array of student populations served by the district.

Meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for all concerned parties. If a translator is needed, the campus will arrange for one to be present.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND SCHOOL PERFORMANCE:

One of the primary functions of the SBDM will be to identify ways that Tuloso-Midway Intermediate can plan and implement effective parent involvement programs. The campus will also promote and encourage staff development for employees on establishing effective relationships with parents as a means to increase academic achievement.

BUILDING THE SCHOOLS' AND PARENTS' CAPACITY FOR STRONG PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

Tuloso-Midway Intermediate will involve the SBDM in identifying barriers to parent involvement and to provide parent involvement strategies. The campus will support a variety of parental involvement strategies as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. To the extent practicable, parents of LEP, disabled, and migratory students will be given full opportunities to participate in parent involvement activities. Information will be provided, to the extent practicable, in a format and language such parents understand.

ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT MEETING:

T-M Intermediate will hold a Title I meeting each year. Parents will be informed of the current Title I guidelines. Copies of the Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed. Parents will be encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the policy as necessary. Volunteers will be recruited for the campus-wide advisory committee. The meeting will be held at the T-M Intermediate campus. Language translation will be provided to ensure parent participation and attendance. Written notices and media/web-based attention will be directed at attracting as many parents as possible.

HOME-SCHOOL COMPACT:

A teacher-parent-student compact is developed annually to promote student achievement. This compact describes the responsibilities that teachers, parents and students have in helping students accomplish their goals. Parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact before signing. These compacts were sent home during the month of July.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMMUNICATION:

The most important way to foster parental involvement is through various methods of communication throughout the school year. Newsletters, conferences, phone calls, e-mail, texts, home visits, written notices, Living Tree will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication. In addition, the teacher web pages, the parent portal txConnect will be utilized for communicating with parents and the community. All T-M Intermediate staff is expected to promote positive communication activities as well as effective means to work with parents each six weeks. Parents are encouraged to attend informational meetings on the campus such as Open House, Meet the Teacher Night, Student/Parent Conferences, the library link, information training for parents, and other informational meetings and activities held during the year. Parents are also encouraged to contact the school and/or their child’s teachers if they have any questions or concerns about the instructional programs at T-M Intermediate.

CROSS-PROGRAM COORDINATION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Parent Involvement strategies will be incorporated into Tuloso-Midway Intermediate curriculum and programs through the Campus Improvement Plan. Parent Involvement will be a top priority and will be aligned with the entire educational program.

ANNUAL EVALUATION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM:

T-M Intermediate will work annually with its Campus Improvement Team, campus site-based committees to evaluate the effectiveness of the parental involvement program. Surveys, classroom observations, assessment data, parent input and other resources will be used to determine the needs and develop strategies for student success.

INVOLVING PARENTS IN ACTIVITIES OF TITLE I CAMPUSES:

Tuloso-Midway Intermediate will use Title I Funds to provide school wide services to all students. Parents will be involved in a variety of strategies as the campus strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs, as well as by creating a supportive home atmosphere. The community may participate through an array of activities that promote student success. The campus and its parents will develop and maintain specific parent involvement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of all stakeholders.

Tuloso-Midway Intermediate School welcomes your input.

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone number:

Please return with your child to the school. Thank you!