

Morrow Middle School



Parent & Family Engagement Plan

2019 – 2020 School Year

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What is Title I?

Morrow Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act 2015 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement including strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Morrow Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Morrow Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Morrow Middle School will support parental family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



How is it revised?

Morrow Middle School will invite all parents to attend our annual revision meetings in the spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, revision forms will be sent home with students to ensure that ALL parents are given the opportunity to provide their input. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. Parents will also have the opportunity to give feedback during parent meetings and activities during the school year including our Annual Title I Parent Meetings, monthly parent meetings, and schoolwide family events.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Morrow Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, families in transition, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center and Front Office of Morrow Middle School. As a reminder, we will also mail a copy of the plan to all parents. The plan will also be posted on the school Web site.

2019 – 2020 District Goals

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School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Morrow Middle and our families will jointly develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on

feedback from parents, students

and teachers during the Revision Meetings

and Title I Meetings.

The school-parent compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Center should parents request a copy.

Bobcat Parents are on the PROWL

Upcoming Events

Morrow Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong, parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be held at diverse set times as to accommodate the schedules of parents.

Annual Title I Meeting – August 27, 2019

We invite you to a morning and evening session of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental & family engagement plan, schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact etc. Meeting dates will be posted on the website, school calendar, marquee etc.

Parent & Family Engagement Policy and School – Parent Compact Meetings – August 21, 2019

We invite parents to attend one or both sessions at 9am and 4pm to learn more about the Parental Family Engagement Plan and School – Parent Compact. Parents will have the opportunity to give their input and contribute to student success by making their voice heard.

Open House – September 12, 2019

Meet your child's teachers, our friendly and helpful staff and learn more about our curriculum and more.

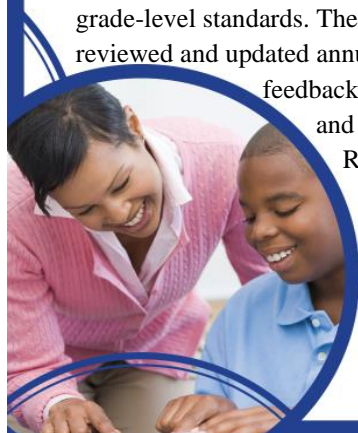
International Walk to School Day - October 8, 2019

Students, parents and the community will have the opportunity to come together and promote health and safer routes for students to walk and bike to school. We will have gift giveaways for attendees. So grab your family and join our Bobcat family in walking to school!

Parent Academy Workshops - Monthly

Parent Liaison will share information with parents on attendance, policies, homework tips and more.

Parent workshops/events/meetings are scheduled monthly for parents. See our school's website calendar for the dates and times of these monthly events and stay tuned for upcoming 2019 – 2020 family events.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore Infinite Campus our parent & student portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 8:15 am – 4:00 pm

Parent & Family Engagement

Morrow Middle believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Morrow Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parent & family engagement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email if you are unable to attend events, as some will be live online or recorded and made available for review in the Parent Resource Center room 1021.



Morrow Middle School is Branching Out!

Morrow Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English, Spanish and Vietnamese and posted on the school Web site.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and Parent Involvement Action Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the parent & family engagement plan.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events and use all feedback to strengthen parent workshops and family events.



Parental Involvement Standards

Morrow Middle School and our parents have adopted Dr. Joyce Epstein's six types of parent and family engagement framework:

- Parenting
- Communicating
- Volunteering
- Learning at Home
- Decision Making
- Collaborating with Community

Parent & Family Engagement Action Team

Morrow Middle School invites all parents to join the Parent & Family Engagement Action Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet periodically during the school year. Parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Involvement Action Team, please contact the parent liaison at 770-210-4001 ext. 515136. Please complete the interest form for the Parent Liaison Team and the "share your thoughts" feedback sheet and return them with your child



to their homeroom teacher or to the Parent Resource Center, room 1021.

Parent & Family Engagement Action Team

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Liaison Team
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more joining the Parent Liaison Team
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

Attached to this document is a copy of the Parent Input Form. Please fill out the form with any input that you would like to share regarding this Parent Involvement Policy. What would you like to see work differently? What ideas do you have to share? Let us know what you would like to see implemented in the Parent Program by filling out the Input Form and turning it in with your child's Homeroom Teacher or to Parent Resource Center, room 1021. **See Input Form Attached.**