

GLYNN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Title I Parent Involvement Plan
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Parents are essential partners in the school community and in helping their child achieve academic success. Communication between the school, parents, and the community is a key component in reaching the academic goals for the students and in the school's success. This partnership is critical in creating an environment in which all students can meet and exceed high standards and expectations.

The Parent Involvement Plan incorporates the elements required by Title I. The parent involvement worker interacts with parents, building bridges and providing information. This provides the "conduit" for parent input for the development and revision of the Title I Parent Involvement Policy, Plan and Compact.

- **Open House:** Open house occurs on the Sunday before school starts.
 - Every school has an open house.
 - Parents and students receive a welcome from teachers and administrative staff.
 - It is a time to meet new teachers and get information regarding the school.
 - Parents are given schedules, class requirements, class rules, and textbooks.

- **PTSA:** PTSA is very active
 - A Title I Annual Meeting will be convened at the first PTSA meeting providing information about the School Improvement Plan and Title I Plan.
 - Parents are given information regarding how the school community is achieving its goals.
 - During the orientation meeting, parents are informed of the "No Child Left Behind Act."
 - Additional meetings are held throughout the year.
 - The parent involvement worker helps provide information about these meetings.

- **Parent Conferences:**
 - Parent conference opportunities are provided throughout the year. The compact will be signed/reviewed outlining the responsibilities of the following:
 - Glynn Middle School will provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served to meet the state student performance standards.
 - The parents will support student learning
 - Conferences and activities are scheduled at a variety of times during the day and evening to accommodate the schedules of working parents.
 - The parent involvement worker helps to contact parents, set up meetings, and make home visits.

Communication to our parents is on going through the following channels:

- **Newsletters:**
 - Newsletters are sent home quarterly.
 - Parent involvement information is included in the newsletter.
 - Parents are informed about what is going on in the school and how they can take an active role in their child's learning.

- **Website:**
 - The school website provides information about the school.
 - The parent involvement worker updates the parent link as needed.

- **Phone Calls:**
 - Phone calls are used as a personal communication tool to provide information to parents when appropriate.

- **Access to Staff:**
 - Opportunities for Faculty and Staff to ensure the valuable contributions of parents through two-way communication and implementation of programs to build ties between home and school:
 - Coffee with the principal.
 - Staff in attendance at sporting and/or arts events.
 - Staff visible and available at arrival and dismissal.
 - PTSA meetings and other special events (example: Hurricane Heroes Reception; Technology Night).

- **Understandable Format:**
 - To every extent practicable, information will be provided to parents in a language and format that they will understand and/or translation/interpretation services will be provided.
 - Flyers, surveys and the compact will be provided.

- **Parent Resource Center:**
 - A parent resource center provides parents, students, teachers and staff information on and/or referrals for many subjects.
 - Subjects include homework help in English and Spanish and resources on testing information, health, depression, communication, drug abuse prevention and discipline.
 - Special Event for Grandparents (Grandparent Breakfast or Lunch)
 - Will make available the policy and plan to stakeholders.
 - Other parenting topics are included as requested.

- **Mentor Programs:**
 - The school community is involved in mentoring. (example: School day and After School Mentor Program; All Pro Dads; Boys-to-Men Program)
 - Mentors help with students who need academic support and encouragement.
 - Mentors also provide homework help and help build self esteem.

- **Parent Workshops:**
 - Parent workshops are offered throughout the school year.
 - Topics are offered based upon results from stakeholder surveys.
 - In an effort to eliminate barriers and offer incentives, we may include one or more of the following as appropriate:
 - “Lunch and Learn” information sessions.
 - Breakfast, brunch, or heavy snacks/refreshments during the sessions.
 - In a variety of locations
 - Times of day
 - Days of the week
 - Referral to workshops/events available through collaboration with other local Title I schools.
 - Grade Orientation for parents and their rising 6th or 9th grade student.

Parents are encouraged to get involved in the school and participate in decision-making opportunities. Parents are an important resource and their input is vital. Parents take an active part in volunteering for the following:

- PTSA
- Title I Committee
- Representatives to the District Title I Advisory Council
- Spring Retreat (School Planning)
- School Council
- School Surveys
- Field Trips
- Curricular Contests
- Parent Conferences
- Decorating and setting up for activities and fundraisers
- Library
- Check-in/Check-out office
- Classrooms as requested
- Public relations
- Newsletters
- Receptions
- Book Fairs
- Field Day
- Reflections
- Fall Festival
- Ice cream social for students
- Sports, band and club events
- Professional planning day luncheons
- Teacher appreciation for staff

The Parent involvement worker attends county-wide meetings to coordinate county activities. The Parent Involvement Plan is a blueprint for success and will be reviewed and revised annually to meet the changing needs of our parents and students. A survey of parents will be conducted in the fall and spring of each school year. The results will be presented at a parent meeting as plans are revised for the next school year.