

# Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2017-2018

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Pampa Junior High School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in our school. We will develop and nurture partnerships with parents, families and community members so that the best learning environment is created for every child. A positive link between home and school will create the most conducive learning condition for every child. These open communication lines will expand and enhance learning opportunities for everyone involved.

Pampa Junior High School includes parents and families in all aspects of the Title I program. We want to create a school/home partnership that will help all students succeed. The Every Student Succeeds Act requires that parents and families of children who receive Title 1 services must be involved in the decisions regarding how these funds are allotted for parental and family involvement.

### **Parent and Family Involvement in Developing the Policy**

Parents and family members will have an opportunity to help develop the policy.

### **Meetings for Title I Parents and Families**

Pampa Junior High School will hold at least one meeting for parents and families during each school year. Parents and families will be informed of new Title I guidelines and the variations from the previous year's program. Copies of the school's current Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be distributed by Go Green and available online. Parents and families will be encouraged to become involved in the revising and updating the policy as necessary. Language translation will be provided to ensure parent and family participation and attendance. Social media will all be directed at attracting as many parents and families as possible.

### **Pampa Junior High School Title I Family Compact**

Pampa Junior High School, in accordance with Title I regulations, has developed a family-student compact with the parents and families of students participating in the program. This compact will enable the school and parents/families to share responsibility for student performance and success. The compact must explain how students, parents, families, and staff will share responsibility for student performance and success. Copies of the policy will be made available through social media, required postings on the Pampa ISD website, in the PJHS office as well as the Pampa ISD district Go Green email. This compact will give the details of the responsibilities that teachers, parents/families, and students have in helping the student accomplish their goals. Parents and families are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their student.

### **Types of Parent and Family Involvement**

Pampa Junior High School will support many varied ways of parent and family involvement as it strives to develop and maintain a positive learning environment for all students. Parents and families may contribute through volunteer programs at school as well as create a supportive home atmosphere. The school and family will develop and maintain parent and family involvement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of everyone involved. Parents and families will be a part of the annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement program. The results will be used to determine areas of improvement.

### **Matching Programs to the Needs of our Community**

Pampa Junior High School will assess the needs of the parents, families and students through the use of surveys, questionnaires, and parent/family interviews so that the Title I program can meet the needs of this community. Parents and families may call the district office at 669-4700 or Pampa Junior High School at 669-4900 to make suggestions.

### **Staff/Parent and Family Communications**

Communication is an important feature. All teachers have a conference time and that information is made available to parents and families. Parents and families can call or e-mail their child's teacher when they are concerned about a problem and teachers are also encouraged to call or e-mail a parent or family member when they are concerned about a problem. Important information regarding academics, discipline reports, and special announcements will all be distributed to parents and families. Communication is also available through the Pampa ISD website, Facebook, Twitter, Go Green weekly email, all-call and skyward.

### **Evaluation**

Parents and families will be questioned about the effectiveness of the program and offer suggestions for improvement. The assessment of successes and suggestions for improvement will be evaluated. Pampa Junior High School will revise its Parent and Family Engagement Policy based on the results of this annual review.