

Jerome D. Mack Middle School
Parent Involvement Policy
2015-2016

1. This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the Jerome D. Mack Middle School staff and parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title I. Jerome D. Mack Middle School will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time for parents to evaluate this policy. These meetings will be held September 2,3, and 4, 2015.

The school's parent involvement policy was developed by the administration, Learning Strategist, teachers and parents. The Parent Involvement Policy will reflect the School Improvement Plan's Goals and Action Steps so that parent involvement can be fully implemented through input and better understanding of the educational process, trainings, and educational strategies and plans available. It will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The parent involvement policy will also be made available to the community.

2. Plan for including parents in the writing of the school improvement plan:
Jerome D. Mack Middle School will involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, school improvement plan and parent involvement policy by sharing the results of Criterion Referenced Tests, Writing Proficiency Exams, the Interim Assessments, and by asking for ideas, suggestions and support for ways to increase student proficiency..
3. Timeline for sending home the Educational Involvement Accords:
The Educational Involvement Accords will be sent home in the school registration packets. For parents new to the school, the Accords will be included in the registration packet and completed at registration.
- 4A. Administration and staff will:
 1. Provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic content and achievement standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their student's academic progress and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of the student.
 2. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards.
 3. Offer parent involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities:
 - Staff development and parent education
 - Participate in Family Night meetings
 - Chaperone field trips
 - Attend sporting and academic events

- Parents to provide home support for their children's education
- Parents to participate in school decision-making
- Effective communication between the school and parents.

4B Provide materials and trainings to help parents work with their children to improve the student's achievement, such as literacy, math, science and technology training as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. We will also provide access to educational resources for parents to use together with their children.

4C With regard to professional development, the school will, with the assistance of parents, provide strategies and training to teachers, pupil services personnel, and principals in:

- How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.
- Implementing and coordinating parent programs
- Building ties between parents and the school.

4D We will ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

- ParentLink
- School newsletters
- Flyers
- Student Progress Reports
- Phone Calls
- School Website
- Monthly reports
- Family Night events

4E Coordination with other programs:

The administration will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities such as parent resource centers that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. The school will also:

- Hold an orientation for all incoming 5th grade students each May
- Invite parents to tour the campus with their students in August
- Hold an Open House

4F Mack Middle School will provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request:

- Translations
- Parent comment or suggestion sheets
- Evaluations of Parent Involvement Activities
- Training on ParentLink