



## **Dunbar Middle School Title I Parent Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The DISD Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the administration and staff of Dunbar Middle School, continue to focus on the importance of family and community engagement. Dunbar Middle School strives to create and maintain a welcome atmosphere for parent and community engagement on all district sites. Dunbar Middle School encourages meaningful collaboration with all stakeholders so that communication between home, school, and the community is continuous and open. In order to ensure greater opportunities for student success, Dunbar Middle School supports the following:

- Strong parent engagement activities planned by the campus
- A positive working relationship between all educators and all families
- Diverse communication channels between school and families
- An emphasis on celebrating families' unique cultures, backgrounds and experiences

### **PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Annually parents and school staff will work to revise and improve the District and Campus Parent Engagement Policies. The format and language of this policy is designed to be easily read and understood. Copies will be available on the district's website and are available to parents and other members of the community upon request.

### **ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING/EVALUATION**

Dickinson ISD uses Title I funds to provide school wide services for students on 13 campuses. Dunbar Middle School is one of those 13 campuses. The Dunbar Campus Improvement Committee will hold at least one meeting annually to review Title I, Part A parent engagement guidelines and services offered through the district. The meeting will be held at a convenient time and location. Notice of the meeting will be provided through invitation to parents and public notices. Copies of the Dunbar Middle School Parent Engagement Policy will be distributed and discussed at the meeting. Parents, administration, staff, and community members will be encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the policy as necessary and parent volunteers will be recruited for various district committee appointments.

### **SCHOOL COMPACT**

In accordance with Title I regulations, each Title I school and their parent representatives will evaluate Dunbar Middle School's School Compact annually and revise if needed. This compact will identify ways the school, parents and student can share the responsibility for student performance and success. A copy of the DMS Compact detailing these responsibilities will be made available on our campus website, distributed to parents through flyers, parent-teacher conferences and upon request. Parent/student signatures will not be required; however, parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their child.

### **PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Dunbar Middle School will support varied opportunities for parental involvement while striving to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents and community members may contribute through volunteering at DMS and supporting the DMS learning environment for all students. Parent and community member suggestions for improving Dunbar Middle School are encouraged and welcomed. Successful school, parent and community communication will strengthen and reinforce everyone's desire for continued achievement for every child in the district.



The following activities, programs and/or services are provided by Dunbar Middle School to strengthen the partnership between school, home, and community:

Family Access	Campus Instructional Nights
District Health Fair	Campus Student Achievement, Attendance, & Reading Rewards/Programs
Campus Meet the Teacher Nights	Campus and District Social Media Communication(i.e.: Gator Bytes)
Report Card Pick-up	Special Programs/Parent Support Group Quarterly Meetings
Special Olympics Activities	District participation in the Community Resource Coordination Group (CRCG)
Campus Career Day Activities	Campus Communication Agendas
Student Activity Fundraisers	District serves as a Community Health Partner with HHSC
Luncheons	Campus and District School Messenger Notification System
Family Thanksgiving	Community & Student Engagement Committees
Social Worker/Homeless Liaison	Campus Student Dances/Parent Volunteers
Teacher Web Pages	Rodeo Art Competition/Rodeo Student Participation
DISD Educational Foundation	Campus Holiday Programs/Activities
Red Ribbon Week Activities	Community and Business Campus Sponsorships
Operation School Bell Program	District and Campus Parent Surveys
Campus Parent/Teacher Conferences	Nurses' Vision/Hearing Screenings
CIC and EIC Committee Participation	District Abilities Conference
Band concerts, events, and fundraisers	Stuff the Bus Activities
	Field Day Activities
	Award ceremonies on campus

#### STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication. In addition, our website and other internet and electronic sources will be kept up-to-date in an effort to inform families. All DMS staff members will make every effort to communicate positively and work effectively with parents and community members.

#### FUNDING /COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

A minimum of one percent of the Title I, Part A funds will be set aside by Dickinson ISD for purposes of parental involvement activities. The District distributes a large portion of these funds proportionally to the Title I campuses. Dunbar Middle School will spend Title I funds according to identified, comprehensive needs and Title I guidelines. Coordination, technical assistance and other support will also be provided by the district to assist campuses and families in planning and implementing parental involvement activities. This coordination will also include other programs in order to maximize district, state, and federal monies.

#### CONCLUDING STATEMENT

Dunbar Middle School is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents, community members and DMS staff to monitor the effectiveness of our Parental Engagement and Title I Programs in order to provide excellence in education. This policy will be promoted by the administrators, principals, and other DMS staff as we seek active participation by our parents.