

# Timberview High School Parent Involvement Policy



## **Failure is Not an Option**

Research shows that greater parental involvement leads to greater student achievement regardless of factors such as socioeconomic status or ethnic background. The most accurate predictor of student academic achievement is the ability of the student's family to create a home environment that encourages learning; to communicate high, yet reasonable expectations for achievement; and to be involved in the student's education. -Alan Blankstein, Failure Is Not an Option (2004), p. 168

## **Parent Communication**

The staff at Timberview will make every attempt to inform parents of the campus activities on and off the campus. The campus notifies parents by various modes of communication. Parents are notified of various school activities through written communication, email, school newsletters, our exterior scrolling marque and the weekly announcements posted on the school website.

## **Parent Involvement in Developing Policy**

The Title I program is a school wide federal program. The campus Title I committee will act as the advisory committee for developing our campus parental involvement policy.

## **Assessment and Evaluation**

The Timberview Title I committee and site based decision-making committee (SBDM) will be involved in the process of school review and improvement. The committee will be asked to give input in regards to the school programs and to provide advice and assistance in recommending changes to the campus plan. The committee will discuss barriers to parental participation, and come up with ways to overcome those obstacles; the parental policy will be evaluated and revised annually.

## **Mission and Purpose**

The Mission of Timberview High School, in partnership with families and the community, is to create a continually renewing system of support to assure students' academic growth and success by empowering them to identify and achieve personalized goals.

The Vision of Timberview High School is to become a dynamic, student-centered learning community that, through its continual pursuit of excellence, practices and develops:

- Comprehensive High Expectations
- Positive Interpersonal Relationships
- Learning as a Way of Life
- Persistent Integrity
- Genuine Teamwork and Hope
- Informed, Active Citizenship
- Knowledgeable Diversity
- Demonstrated Respect

## **Parent School Compacts**

All of our stakeholders have a role in determining the success of our students. Parents will receive a school compact annually outlining instructional goals for the campus. Parents-School compacts are instructional goals for our students. The compact assures parents that sound quality instruction is occurring in the classroom.

The compact includes an action plan of what the student can do at home to support their learning. Also in the compact are researched based actions steps which parents need to take to ensure learning within the classroom.

The campus' Title I and SBDM committees will review the Parent-School Compact each year to ensure the design and implementation are suitable for our campus.

A copy of the plan will be provided to the parents.

## **MISD District Goal 5: Engage all parents in a partnership committed to student success.**

### **Matching Parent Involvement Programs with the Need of our Community**

Each year the SBDM, Title I committee, the campus Hope Team, and the administrative staff meet to discuss campus events and programming. Numerous tools such as attendance data, parent surveys, STAAR scores, district curriculum, instructional quality and student motivation are analyzed to design quality instructional programming.

Each year our school, in conjunction with parents and the SBDM and Title I Committee, develops a campus action plan which outlines our total school instructional plan for our campus.

Timberview High School welcomes and promotes parent input.

### **Meeting for Title I Parents**

Timberview High School will meet annually with parents and give information about the Title I programs. Parents can volunteer at anytime to be a part of our PTSA.

Timberview High School will provide opportunities for parent involvement capacity building at the campus and district level.

### **Parent Involvement Activities**

Parent Panel Discussions  
Cookie Sales  
Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation night  
iPads "In Action" Day  
Etiquette Class  
After Prom  
PTSA Scholarships  
Open House  
Student Recognition/Awards Ceremony

## EOC Testing Information

Parents can get valuable EOC testing information from the following links:

1. <http://timberview.mansfieldisd.org/>
  - Look under the Resources section
2. <http://misd-assessment.com/end-of-course.html>