

**Avondale Middle School**  
**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

***Defining Parental Involvement***

*Parental involvement is the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities including; Assisting their child's learning, Being actively involved in their child's education at school, Serving as full partners in their child's education and being included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and the carrying out of other activities such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA Section 9101(32).*

***Avondale Middle School Vision for Parent Involvement Statement:***

*Parents are essential to their child's learning, social development and to the success of the school. AMS is focused on a school culture which promotes collaboration, open-communication, and trust*

***To establish and Maintain a Culture of Collaboration, Avondale Middle School encourages:***

- Families to be teachers of their children at home
- Families to be supporters of our school and of public education.
- Parents to be advocates for their own and other children
- Parents to be decision-makers in school policy and practice.

***To Create and Maintain a Family-Friendly environment, Avondale Middle School is***

*committed to being family-friendly and to working as partners with our parents to help ALL our students learn to their full potential.*

- *To be fully family-friendly, AMS will provide:* A welcoming environment with the school as open and accessible - it is easy for parents to meet with the principal, talk to teachers and counselors, and bring up issues and concerns.
- *To be fully family-friendly, AMS will provide:* Standards of welcoming behavior apply to all staff, including front office staff, custodians, and cafeteria workers.
- *To be fully family-friendly, AMS will* Greet visitors and callers politely and make sure they can get information easily

***To Maintain a working partnership Avondale Middle School will provide:***

- Current student work displays in the building for visitors to see.
- Opportunities to help families understand what their children are learning and promote high standards.
- : School reports to parents about student progress and how parents can help can support their child to make improvements.
- Strong relationships between teachers and families
- The school welcomes new families, offers tours, and introduces them to staff. Bilingual speakers are available to help families.
- Teachers and families opportunities to meet face-to-face and get to know each other

***To ensure Parent Participation in decision-making Avondale Middle School will:***

- *To have parental participation in decision-making on school policy and practice, AMS will provide:* Opportunities (surveys, daytime and/or evening meetings, phone calls, etc.) for families to identify and plan for how they would like to be involved at the school.
- *Have school committees and the PTO that reflect the diversity of the school community and actively recruit and welcome families from all backgrounds*

*To Support Parents as Advocates for Their Own and Other Children Avondale Middle School Will:*

- Provide opportunities for families to learn how the school system works and how to be effective advocates for *to* their children
- Provide opportunities for families and staff to learn together how to collaborate to improve student achievement
- Reach out to identify and draw in local community resources that can assist staff and families
- Establish a Parent Teacher Organization to address school concerns from academic to disciplinary issues
- Consistently utilize parents as chaperons to assist in the coordination and facilitation of school activities
- Involve the parents of children served in this Title I, Part A school in the decisions made about how the Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent

If the **AMS** Title I, Part A, Targeted Assistance Program Plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the MDE.

**Avondale Middle School** will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools.

**Avondale Middle School** will establish a subcommittee, with parent representation, for evaluating the Parental Involvement Policy and Parent/ Student/Teacher Compact.