



## John F. Kennedy Middle School

### Family Involvement Policy Plan Summary 2015-2016

#### **Parent Involvement**

John F. Kennedy Middle recognizes the importance of forming a strong partnership with parents and community members in order to positively impact the students in our school. To promote effective parent involvement, the staff at JFK Middle school welcomes input from parents and community members and encourages them to join us in the activities outlined in this plan. We will work with parents as equal partners in the educational process.

#### **Annual Title I Meeting**

Parents are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of each school year to learn more about the requirements of Title I and our school-wide Title I Programs. At this meeting there will be opportunities to review Title I documents and give input on the following:

- School-Parent Compact
- Title I Family Involvement Policy/Plan
- Parents' Right to Know
- Ideas for future parent involvement activities
- Title I Budget

#### **Accessibility for all Families**

We will accommodate all families by providing the following:

- Choices of meeting dates and times based on input from parents
- Interpreters
- Translated documents
- Childcare at the school
- Transportation

#### **Parent Involvement Activities**

Based on parent survey input, we will provide the following activities to assist parents in understanding the state curriculum and assessments to help parents improve their children's academic achievement:

- **Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)** Nights or Literacy Nights will be implemented for parents to learn strategies to help their children at home.
- **Assessment Information Nights** will inform parents of FSA, grade level assessments, curriculum and grade level expectations.
- **IBMYP Nights** to involve parents to work with their children at home with real world concepts in reading, mathematics, science and community involvement.
- **Newsletters** to share relevant information and best practices with parents, and to inform them of the value of family engagement.

**Shared Decision Making**

Through the school’s SAC, parents will review and give input while writing the school’s Family Involvement Policy/Plan (PIP) and evaluate the plan annually. Parents will also give input in writing the School-Parent Compact. Parents will review the Title I Family Involvement Survey results to determine necessary changes. Use of parental involvement funds will also be discussed. Parents will receive information in a timely manner and will be informed of student curriculum and assessments. Parents will have opportunities to discuss school-wide programming and review data reports.

**Communication**

Parents will be provided information in a language and format which is easy to understand. We will communicate with parents by:

- Flyers
- Emails
- Planners
- Edline
- School Website
- Facebook and/or Twitter
- Conferences
- Visits by the Parent Involvement Liaison
- School Advisory Council (SAC) —all parents are invited to participate on this council.
- Family Involvement Surveys will be distributed to parents for parent input.

**Volunteers**

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at our school in a variety of capacities that address the needs of the students and school.

This Parent Involvement Plan has been jointly developed and distributed to the parents of John F. Kennedy Middle School students. Please review and send the return portion below with your child to the classroom teacher.

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I have reviewed the John F. Kennedy Parent Involvement Policy/Plan for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_