



Robert O. Gibson Middle School

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Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The administration, faculty, staff, parents, and families of Robert O. Gibson Middle School believe that by working together we will strengthen the academic achievement of all our students. This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by Gibson Middle School staff, parents, and families of students served in the school pursuant to Title I. Gibson Middle School will convene an annual meeting on September 20, 2018 at 9:00 am, at a convenient time for parents, to evaluate this policy. We will also review the annual meeting during the next SOT meeting to accommodate parents who may have difficulty attending. The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be made available to members of the community through written format and be posted on the school's website.

Parents of Gibson Middle School students will be involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, the School Performance Plan, and the Parent and Family Engagement Policy through each of the following:

- Annual fall Title I meetings
- Annual spring Title I budget meetings
- School Performance Plan (SPP) planning meetings
- Monthly parent meetings and School Organizational Team (SOT) meetings

Results from the Districtwide Parent Survey will be shared with parents during the annual fall Title I parent meetings. The results of the parent survey will also be utilized in the development and revision of the parent and family engagement policy. Positive parent responses to the 2017-18 Districtwide Parent Survey answered the following with "agree" or "strongly agree":

- I feel welcome at my child's school. – 97.1%
- My child's school involves parents in most school events or activities. – 91.9%
- The teachers really care about my child. – 88.6%
- I am informed about the current curriculum for my child's grade level. – 86.5%
- The school actively seeks the input of parent before making important decisions. – 84%

We will encourage more parent participation in the 2018-19 Districtwide Parent Survey by informing parents when it is available, providing computer access, and distributing paper/pencil surveys to all families.

The Educational Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review Accords prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accords whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions. Parents will be provided assistance from the registrar in completing their online registration and the Educational Involvement Accords, and computers are available in the registrar's office specifically for this purpose.

The administration and staff at Gibson Middle School 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 all students.

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 events:
 - Attendance at family academic nights
 - Participation in parenting classes
 - Parent chaperoning of educational field experiences
 - Home support for the students' education through Google Classroom and/or teacher websites
 - Participation in school decision making through the School Organizational Team (SOT), monthly parent meetings, Title I planning, and school performance plan development
 - Communication between the school and parents via ParentLink auto dialer, the school website, conferences, and school newsletters
 - Attendance at sporting events, concerts, and academic events
4. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve the student's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology as appropriate, to foster parent involvement. Provide access to educational resources for parents to use together with their children.
5. The administration will, with the assistance of parents, educate teachers, pupil service personnel, principals and other staff in:
 - The value and utility of contributions of parents
 - How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners
 - Implementing and coordinating parent programs through the development of Gibson Middle School's Community Events Committee
 - Building ties between parents and the school
6. Communicate in a variety of ways to ensure that parents have the most up-to-date information regarding curriculum, instruction and parent involvement. The school will utilize monthly newsletters, the school website, Parentlink, and flyers to provide current information about school programming. All information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be sent in a language parents can understand. The school will also provide interpreting services when needed and practical.
7. To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with the Family and Community Engagement Services (FACES), Gear Up, the school social worker, and other activities such as parent resource centers that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Information regarding these programs is available on the school website, via monthly newsletters, and by request at the school counseling/administrative offices.
8. Provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Parent evaluations will be distributed at every activity involving parents. Comments and suggestions offered on parent evaluations will assist in the development of future presentations and events.

ROBERT O. GIBSON MISSION STATEMENT

Robert O. Gibson Middle School's mission is to educate all students in a safe and supportive environment, preparing each individual for success beyond our campus.

ROBERT O. GIBSON VISION STATEMENT

Through challenging academics, high expectations, and personal responsibility, Gibson Middle School students will become tomorrow's leaders and will solve the problems of the future.