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PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY 2018/19

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the Cram Middle School teachers, administrators, and parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title I. Cram Middle School has convened an annual meeting, at a convenient time for parents to evaluate this policy. The annual Title I meeting was held, September 28, 2018, translators were present to assist parents with communication. The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy was developed by teachers, administrators and parents, and will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The information provided to parents at our Annual Title One parent meeting and the Parent and Family Engagement Policy were made available to the community through the school website.

Cram Middle School shared the results of our annual District Wide parent survey during our Title One Annual meeting. Students and parents agreed our campus felt safe and was clean. All but six parents felt welcome. In response to our survey results, increased school transparency is our focus for this year. We are taking steps to provide parents with more information and more opportunities to be involved in their child's school. We are varying our parent meetings and training times throughout the day to provide more opportunities for parent involvement and to increase school transparency. To increase parent participation in our annual District Survey, we will have computers available during our parent meetings and trainings.

Cram Middle School involves parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, School Performance Plan (SPP) and parent involvement policy. Parents are involved in planning in the following ways: Annual Title 1 Meetings, SPP Planning Meetings, Pastries with the Principal, Parent Teacher Student Association, and Family Academic Nights.

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 there is need for parent/student conferences or other occasions.

The Cram Middle School administration and staff 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 the student. This assistance is provided through our parent family nights, the school website, newsletters and letters home to parents.
2. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards set forth in the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NACS).

3. Offer parent involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities such as:

- Staff development and parent education.
- Home support for their children's education.
- Participation in school decision-making through monthly Pastries with the Principal.
- Communication between the school and parents via Parent Link auto-dialer, school website, Infinite Campus, and school newsletters.
- Sporting events and academic events.
- Parent volunteer program Watch Dog.

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 parental involvement will be provided. Access to educational resources for parents to use together with their children will also be provided.

Professional development will be provided by the administration, with assistance of parents, to educate 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
- Building ties between parents and the school through various communication methods.

All information related to school and parent programs, community resources, meetings and other activities is sent to parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

- ParentLink
- School Newsletters
- Flyers sent home with children
- Family Night events
- PTSA meetings
- Pastries with the Principal
- School Website
- Infinite Campus

To the extent feasible and appropriate, the Cram Middle School administration will coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with community resources, and conduct other activities such as parent resource centers that encourage and support parent's full participation in the children's education.

- RPDP Parent Training
- Be Kind program
- Fifth Grade Round-up with feeder schools each May
- Parent Resource Center

Reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request will be provided. This will include parent comment or suggestion sheets located in the Parent Resource Center.

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