Campus Parent Involvement Policy 2019-2020

The primary goal of family involvement at Stephen F. Austin Middle School is to promote education as a family affair. Parents and family members are considered each child’s first and most important teachers.

**Goal 1: Support families in becoming a part of their child’s success by creating a family friendly culture at Stephen F. Austin Middle School.**

This goal will be promoted by:
- Making positive parent contact.
- Arranging a meet-the-teacher night.
- Organizing spring family night.
- Inviting parents of incoming 7th graders for an intermediate to middle school transition night.
- Incoming 7th Grade Bronco Camp
- Arranging Coffee with the Principal and/or Counselors each six weeks.
- Arranging a fall and spring parent-teacher conference night.
- Promote a Culture of Kindness: Wonder Book and book club for families to participate in literacy and character development. Participate in a monthly kindness challenge with their students in the community through.

**Goal 2: Involve families through a variety of activities including community activities.**

This goal will be promoted by:
- Wonder Book Club
- A dance per semester.
- Family Tech Night (prior to Spring Break)
- Food Drive
- Community Events (Ex.: Fiestas Patrias, Christmas Parade, MLK Parade, BISD Evening of Excellence)
- 8th Grade Dance

**Goal 3: Increase communication of information to parents and community in the Home Language.**

This goal will be promoted by:
- Including students in parent-teacher conferences.
- Ensuring that letters home, blogs, flyers, etc. are available in the home language.
- Providing electronic communications, including emails, Home Access Centers for parents, Black Board phone calls, etc. in both English and Spanish – with current happenings. This would include our Facebook page and Twitter account.
- Arranging for a translator/interpreter at any event during which a speaker will address parents.
- Update Stephen F. Austin Middle School website to allow all information to be translated into Spanish.
- Utilize Remind to correspond with parents.
- Provide parents with the option to use an automated translator Whisper System 2000 during speaking engagements.
- The Wonder Book was given to parents in both English and Spanish. The monthly challenges were handed out in both languages, as well as being posted to our campus Facebook page each month.

**Goal 4: Work with parents and family members as partners in each child’s school success.**

This goal will be promoted by:
- Continuation of a parent involvement center on campus.
- Providing a parent workstation for Internet and Home Access Center (front office kiosk).
- Arranging Coffee with the Principal and/or Counselors each six weeks.
- Arranging Coffee with the grade level high school Assistant Principal for outgoing 8th graders at their current campus.
- Provide parents with their Achieve and HAC login information (reinforce through our Family Tech Night).
- B-Safe and Safe Stop App: Engage parents in supporting school safety and safe transportation.

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