

**Acton Middle School Title 1 Parent Participation Plan
2018-2019**

Purpose: Acton Middle School will work with parents as equal partners to provide quality learning experiences for every student, every day, without exception. AMS staff members are committed to the following school mission statement:

Acton Middle School believes in

- Positive Contributions
- Relationship Building
- Safe and Caring Environment
- Quality Education for all Students.

To achieve our mission we foster a close partnership with families and the community. As a Title 1 campus, we are committed to this partnership and we recognize the importance and value of working closely with parents, students, and community stakeholders in meeting the state’s and nation’s high academic standards. Acton Middle School will provide students a quality education that has been developed to incorporate the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the 21st Century Competencies.

In order to increase active parent involvement, our Campus Leadership Team along with parent representatives developed the following Parent Involvement Policy outlined in the chart below:

Goal 1: Annual Title 1 Meeting
Action: The principal will conduct an annual Title 1 Meeting in the fall informing the parents about Title 1; for 6 th grade parents this will happen at Pirate Camp and for 7 th and 8 th grade students this will happen at the Parent Connection Night.
Goal 2: Home/School Compacts
Action: The Leadership Team at Acton Middle School created the Parent/School Compact in April 2018. The Parent/School Compact will be sent home with every student and available on our website. The Compact outlines and reinforces the shared responsibilities of each party for student success and attainment of district and state student learning goals.
Goal 3: Building Capacity for Parent Involvement
Action: Acton Middle School Parents are provided an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers by appointment at a convenient time for both parties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • during their conference period • before and after school <p>In addition, AMS will build capacity for parental involvement by providing assistance to parents in understanding such topics as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirements for Title 1 through principal led meetings, information sent home in print to parents, and information through our website. • How to monitor their child’s progress through parent meetings and checking their child’s grades through the Skyward Family Access. (Grades from the previous week’s work updated by Tuesday at 5:00pm.)

- How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child.

Goal 4: Accessibility to Parent Involvement Opportunities

Action: Acton Middle School shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents of children with disabilities, and migratory families. Information and reports will be provided in a format, to the extent practical, in a language that parents can understand. In addition, AMS teachers and administrator websites will be updated weekly to provide information for all students, parents, and community for lessons and activities school wide.

Goal 5: Shared Responsibility for High Student Achievement

Action: Acton Middle School will provide a high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet Texas academic standards in such ways as follows:

- Curriculum alignment
- Monthly Team meetings to plan instructional strategies
- Student progress monitoring
- Response to Intervention
- Technology support of student achievement with Mobey Max No Red Ink, Stemsscopes, the Google Suite, and Learning Farm.
- Parent conferencing as needed.
- Teachers will regularly communicate by newsletter, email, progress reports every 3 weeks, report cards at the end of the grading period, notes home, website, and phone calls.
- Teachers will report student progress on curriculum assessments, benchmark tests, and teacher tests.
- AMS will report Engage Surveys, PSAT 8-9, and Explore results (college readiness assessments).
- All parents are provided the opportunity with Skyward Family access to monitor and track grades and other pertinent information.
- Weekly assignments and daily objectives will be written in the planner of each 6th, 7th and 8th grade student. Discipline and organizational concerns will also be documented in the planner. Parents are encouraged to check the planner daily.
- Teachers will report student outcomes on STAAR and all standardized tests.
- AMS will provide binders for organization for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Goal 6: Parent Involvement Opportunities at Acton Middle School

Action: Acton Middle School will support many varied ways of parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs including:

Parent Academies

- PTO

- PTO Board & Volunteer
- Field Trips Classroom volunteer
- Lunchroom volunteer
- Attend student performances and events
- Six Weeks Awards Program for A/AB Honor Roll
- Six Weeks Pirate Parties
- Join & Volunteer in Booster Clubs
- TEAM Dadz
- Volunteer Guest Speaker with specialized electives (Speakers Bureau)
- Pirate Camp
- Schedule Pickup & Open House
- Rachel's Challenge Day
- Book Fair
- Campus Leadership Team
- AMS Day of Service

Goal 7: School/Parent Communication

Action: Acton Middle School will communicate with parents through all available sources:

- School Messenger phone & email system
- Notices sent home with children
- School webpage & Marquee
- Email, phone calls, Remind 101
- Parent Letters
- Twitter
- Family Resource Center Bulletin board

Goal 8: Annual Evaluation

Action: Acton Middle School will evaluate progress of annual goals through:

- Parent, teacher, staff review and input
- Leadership Team review
- Sign-in sheets for parent/school activities

Providing a safe and orderly environment for our students and staff is a priority of Acton Middle School. Our campus has cameras throughout the inside and outside of the property. In addition, all visitors must be cleared by our receptionist to enter the building and once inside all visitors are required to sign in and wear a name badge. All staff members are also required to wear badges. Parents are asked to provide the office with names and phone numbers of individuals who can serve as emergency contacts in case a parent cannot be reached if a child is ill or needs to go home for any reason. The child will only be released to a parent or parent-approved emergency contact. Parents or guardians are the only ones allowed to make changes to the emergency contact list and these changes can only be made in person. No changes will be allowed over the phone.

Office staff will ask for identification if someone new is picking up a child to verify that person is on the emergency contact list by providing specific information about the child.

Acton Middle School Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with and agreed upon with parents and agreed upon with parent of children participating in the Title 1 program as evidenced by meeting minutes on **Monday, April 9, 2018**.

Acton Middle School will distribute this Parent Involvement Policy to all parents and make it available to the community on or before **Friday, September 28, 2018**.

Principal Signature: *Jimmy D. Dawson* _____ Date: April 9, 2018