

## Faiss Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2022

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by Faiss Middle School and parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title I.

Faiss MS will convene an annual meeting at a convenient time for parents to evaluate this policy. This meeting will be held on August 15, 2022. Differing time slots will be available for parents to attend either a morning or evening session, and translation notes will be available upon request for ELL parents. For those that are unable to attend in person, the meeting will be available virtually via Google Meet. Also, all materials discussed in the meeting will be available on the school website. Title I information is presented to parents in the annual meeting. Monthly PALS meetings are held on campus each month following the SOT meetings.

At the annual meeting, results of the District Wide Parent Survey will be shared with parents via a PowerPoint. Results of the survey indicated that according to those surveyed, Faiss Families agree that bullying and cyberbullying are not a problem at school, that students, teachers and staff treat each other with respect, that their student feels safe at school, and that the school campus is safe, welcoming and clean. At the annual meeting, results of the District Wide Parent Survey will be shared with parents via PowerPoint. Results of the survey indicated that according to those surveyed, Faiss Families agree that teachers really care about their child, that parents feel welcome and informed about what's happening at the school, that their student feels safe at school, and that the school campus is safe and clean. In addition, an area in which those surveyed feel as though Faiss could improve upon was "This school actively seeks the input of parents before making important decisions". Therefore, Faiss MS has hired an onsite school social worker and a community and family engagement specialist in order to better seek out parent input.

The school's parent and family engagement policy developed by Faiss MS staff, students, and parents 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 also be made available to the community.

Faiss MS will involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, school improvement plan and parent involvement policy. Faiss MS will hold a meeting on August 15, 2022, as part of the SOT meeting, to review the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. In addition, Faiss MS will hold PALS meetings for parents and family members at least once per month throughout the school year. Faiss MS will coordinate quarterly parent luncheons with students on report card day.

The Educational Involvement Accords will be completed through the online registration process for new and returning students. Teachers will keep a copy of the Educational Involvement Accord to use with students when conferencing to reinforce the purpose of the Accord. Counselors will also use a copy of the Accord during parent-teacher conferences.

Faiss MS will include parents in the academic achievement of students by maintaining consistent and clear communication with parents. The staff of Faiss MS will utilize Infinite Campus to update the Campus Portal, will invite parents to participate in individual parent/teacher conferences with classroom teachers and counselors as needed, will make a copy of the School Performance Framework available to parents

on the school website, and will inform parents regarding potential retention through progress reports as well as quarterly grade reports.

Faiss MS will provide Parent and Family nights whereas the focus is placed on parent provided questions on such topics as gradebooks, teacher scoring, student conduct and academic requirements (additional TBD by parent inquiry).

Administration and staff will offer parent involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities:

- a. Parents to provide home support for their children's education (SpringBoard Online, Parent Portal, Google Classroom, Edmodo, Remind 101)
- b. Parents to participate in school decision-making (PAC meetings, Title I meetings)
- c. Effective communication between the school and parents (Parent Portal, newsletters, calendars, flyers, and social media)

Faiss MS will 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 parental involvement. The staff of Faiss MS will also provide access to educational resources for parents to use together with their children. Such resources will be listed in the Course Expectations for each class. Faiss MS will foster parental awareness by offering a quarterly student-parent luncheon whereas grades are discussed. Additional resources including computers, textbooks, SpringBoard Online, and magnet school resources will be available at the school library during all school hours and at Family Nights.

The administration will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities, and conduct other activities such as parent resource centers that encourage and support parents in participating more fully in the education of their children. Some examples of this include upcoming events coordinated with FACES (Safe and Secure Online Learning Environment, Cyberbullying and educator course on the FACES service division), the Parenting Project's "Staying Connected with Your Teen" and "Teen Triple P" series (sponsored by Clark County and supported by Faiss MS counselors), and monthly school fundraisers sponsored by local businesses, such as Panda Express, Buffalo Wild Wings, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Applebees. Flyers are distributed home and posted on our school website regarding dates and times of activities and fundraisers. Additional parent involvement activities with FACES will be garnered by parent suggestions and responses through surveys. Suggestion sheets and comment sheets are available at all times.

Continual surveys through the FACES programs will be utilized to address additional concerns or requests of the parents and families of Faiss MS.