

**Carr Lane VPA Middle School**

**School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

**2022-2023**

PLAN TO INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

**Methods by which the School Promotes and Provides Parental Engagement :**

* A Title 1 Parental Engagement meeting will be held in September 2022 in order to educate parents on their rights and school policies Virtual/or In-Person
* Open House Virtual /or In-Person
* Parents are able to obtain up-to-date information regarding their student’s academic progress via SLPS Parent Portal.
* School resource center is available to parents during school hours, which provides information regarding but not limited to DESE and Title I proram guidelines
* Volunteer at school and/or special events
* Parent-Teacher Conferences at the end of the first 10 weeks of each semester
* The Family Community Specialist or Social Worker will contact the parents’ of students with chronic absences
* One Parent workshop will be held during each semester
* Academic Coach provides information on the curriculum and content that is aligned with the MAP
* Provide student expectations and appropriate behavior with parental assistance and the district handbook
* Title I Review and Revision meeting
* Link families with needed resources via the school Social Worker, Counselor and Family Community Specialist.
* Teachers send home progress reports & report cards in 5 week intervals, as well as enter grades in Parent Portal.

**Methods of Communication Employed to Inform Parents of Opportunities:**

* The Family Community Specialist is the main point of contact for parental engagement
* Phone calls home made by staff and automatic dialing system
* Monthly newsletter, containing up-to-date information on activities and oppurtunities
* Email
* Postal service
* Letters sent home with students
* School meetings
* Important phone numbers (i.e.: school, transportation, central office) will be provided in monthly newletters, and are available online and on a variety of SLPS publications
* SLPS Parent Portal can be accessed online by parents, texting, Facebook, Teams

**Parental Accountability:**

* It is the expectation that parents will ask their child for monthly newsletter or check the schools website, which is handed out the last day of the month; if a parent does not obtain this newsletter, it is his or her responsibilty to contact the school for a copy
* Attend parent-teacher conferences
* Call if a meeting/conference must be canceled or rescheduled
* Parents are asked to attend at least one parent engagement event per semester (more if schedule and transportation permit)
* Call the school when a student is absent; send appropriate documentation when in the building.
* Voice opinions, comments, concerns, and questions via one of the parental engagement opportunities or communication avenues (phone, school meeting, etc)
* Ensure that their student(s) attend school everyday (maintain a minimum of 90% attendance rate) please try to schedule all student appointments after regular school hours.
* Parents should make sure their phone numbers and address are up to date.

Principal