

Midway Hills Primary School

*School Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2023-2024 School Year*

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What is Title I?

Midway Hills Primary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop a written parental involvement policy with parents.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Midway Hills Primary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Midway Hills Primary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Midway Primary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Midway Hills Primary School invited all parents to provide input and suggestions through a survey last spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our School and District Websites for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Midway Hills Primary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the Title I Parent Handbook that is given to all students. The plan will also be posted on the school and district Websites.

2023-2024 District Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1 Ensure that students acquire and apply the knowledge and skills required to be prepared for college and career success.

Strategic Goal 2 Implement inquiry-based projects and performance-based assessments into the curriculum that require collaboration to solve real-world problems.

Strategic Goal 3 Develop professional learning for staff and teachers to equip them with researched-based instructional strategies to create 21st Century learning environments and ensure students are college and career

2023-2024 School Goals

Midway Hills Primary School will increase the percentage of students reading on grade level by three to five percentage points as measured by MAP and/or iReady Reading for K- 2nd.

Focus Areas

The academic focus area for the 2023-2024 school year will be literacy. We are working to increase reading proficiency by concentrating on the following areas:

- 5 Pillars of Reading:
 - Phonemic Awareness
 - Phonics
 - Fluency
 - Vocabulary
 - Comprehension
- Mathematical Practice
- New Math Standards
- Early Numeracy
- Number Sense
- Modeling Framework
- Reasoning
- Discourse

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Midway Hills Primary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School Forum. The school-parent compacts are sent home with each child.



Let's Get Together!

Midway Hills Primary will host the following events, among others, to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be held in the evening at 5:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

Local School Governance Meetings: Monthly meetings are held to work with school leadership and the community to help determine the long-term direction of the school, design innovative solutions to increase student achievement, and serve as local ambassadors to the local community.

P.T.O Meetings: Parent Teacher Student Organization Meeting to discuss ideas for Midway Hills Primary School.

Annual Title I Meeting: We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted on social media, posted in the school newsletter and local media.

Open House: Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Academic and testing information will be provided.

Teach – er Treat Night: Get a treat as your child practices skills with academic games and get information to stay connected.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Night: Participate in on-line Science, Technology, Art and Math activities with your child.

Make –It – Take it for the New Year: Make and Take some ideas to help your child as the new year rolls around. Supplies will be sent home with students.

BedTime Story Connect with your child with Reading. Learn great strategies to engage your child as they read at home at bedtime each night.

What's Up Next Year? Prepare you and your child for their upcoming new school year. What do they need to know to be successful?

School Forum (LSGT Meeting): A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parental involvement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, use the laundry room, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus and educational resources. Located at Midway Hills Primary Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Communities in Schools Lab.

Parental Involvement

Midway Hills Primary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory Committees to assist in the education of their child.

Midway Hills Primary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call if you need assistance with childcare in order to participate in our programs.

Midway Hills Primary is Branching Out!

Midway Hills Primary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish as needed, posted on the school Website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- Provide training for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled collaborative planning meetings.
- Partner with Head Start and Early Learning Center by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- Share information in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education and Communities in School Liaison to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

