

Title I Parent Involvement Plan

Franklin County Middle School utilizes a variety of methods to encourage and provide opportunity for parental involvement. The very base of our plan includes several traditional and non-traditional methods.

- Parent-teacher conference
- Student-led portfolio conferences (temporarily suspended this year due to the shortened school year)
- School Council
- IEP meetings
- 504 meetings
- SST meetings
- Parent Volunteer Program
- Open door policy to administration
- 4 week progress reports
- 8 week grade reports
- Immediate access to grades through Infinite Campus on the internet
- Annual parent nights....the first is Connections & Clubs night
- Email access to school personnel
- School and School System website
- Parent Information Email from principal
- Callout system to provide notifications
- 6, 7 and 8th grade orientation for students and parents
- Title I forms at the beginning of each school year

FCMS also provides parents with the opportunity to learn more about their child's development and achievement, as well as ways to assist their child academically and physically through monthly publications including "The Middle Years".

FCMS is fortunate to have a volunteer parent involvement coordinator who solicits volunteers from an email database to support the school in various ways. To date, the volunteers continue to operate the ice cream sales daily in the cafeteria, provide assistance in the media center book fairs and shelving books, run copies for teachers, chaperone dances and other after school events, plan and coordinate the Career Day for 8th graders, and provide math support for individual students.

To assist 8th graders and their parents in the transition to the 9th grade at FCHS, FCMS provides pamphlets addressing common changes to be expected in the student and in the school setting. The middle school works with the high school to smooth the transition. An 8th grade parent night is scheduled to provide information about classes and Carnegie units and graduation requirements. A separate event, co-sponsored by MS and HS, introduce students and parents to the electives available at FCHS.

Ask the Cub is an annual event for upcoming 6th graders and their parents. FCMS' principal, media specialist and counselors conduct a Q and A session for the groups.

Plans are being made to provide videos for parents at the portfolio conferences and other events, which address topics concerning Middle School age students. These could include information on sex, drugs, peer pressure, pubescent changes, bullying, how to help your child study, etc.

In October, the faculty and staff will receive training from the Olweus anti-bullying program to help support students more fully in dealing with difficult situations. Parents will receive information and be given ways to support students and the school in this process.

Parents of LEP/ESL students receive information from the school in both English and Spanish (all of our ESL students at this point are Latino).

Several parent nights are scheduled during the school year with each having a specific theme. The first is Connections & Clubs Night. Others are listed at the end of this document.

A parent/community resource center is located in the media center of FCMS. This ever developing center houses books, magazines, videos and DVDs, pamphlets, etc. for check out and use by parents.

The Parent Involvement Committee meets quarterly and makes suggestions to the School Leadership Team about activities for parental involvement.

All information disseminated to parents about test scores, state report cards, benchmarks, or other information of a similar nature is

accompanied with a written explanation and a phone number for further clarification, if needed.

11-12 Parent Events

- Connections & Clubs Night.....each club and Connections class will have a room set up to highlight what they are about and allow opportunities for students and parents to participate together
- Book Fair night
- Grandparents Day
- Cyberspace Safety parent night