

# **Putnam County Middle School**

## **Title I Parent Involvement Policy**

Our purpose at Putnam County Middle School is to ensure a high level of learning for every student. We are dedicated to delivering quality education in response to the needs of the community.

To support the goal of the school and to educate all students effectively, educators, staff members, and parents must work collaboratively as partners to provide for the educational success of all children. In the meantime, educators and members of the staff in the school endeavor to meet the diverse cultural, social, and language needs of parents and children.

We strive to accomplish the 5 goals of the Putnam County Board of Education by:

- Ensuring high levels of performance for all students in Putnam County;
- Aligning system expenditures with improved student performance;
- Developing leadership capacity in all staff;
- Providing educationally appropriate facilities supportive of learning and,
- Engaging parents and community actively in the educational process.

The administration, staff, and parents of this Putnam County Middle School believe that the improved academic achievement of each school is a responsibility shared by the entire school community, including the school district, school, community members, school administration, staff, students, and parents/guardian. We acknowledge that engaging parents is essential to improve student achievement and that schools should foster and support active parental involvement.

Parent involvement activities in the school shall include opportunities for parents to:

- Volunteer for school activities,
- Participate in staff development and parent education programs,
- Provide home support for child's education,
- Participate in school decision-making, and
- Participate in communication with the administration, faculty, and staff of the school.

Each year, parent information meetings will be held to discuss school goals, expectations, promotion criteria and programs available at our school. School-wide goals and objectives will be explained, and a parental support compact will be entered at the beginning of each school year. Descriptions of grade-level expectations and curriculum standards will be presented to parents during the Back-to-School Open House event.

Additional parent information meetings will be held during scheduled Response to Intervention (RTI) meetings, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings, School Governance Authority (SGA) meetings, and during Teachers Informing Parents and Students (TIPS) sessions. These meetings will solicit parent feedback.

Parents will be notified of their children's academic progress through progress reports, parent conferences, student work samples, report cards (quarterly), teacher conferences/contacts (throughout the year), and RTI. In addition, Parent Portal, an on-line service for parents to track grades, discipline, assignments, and so forth will be available for parents' usage.

We will strive to support, promote, and celebrate student accomplishments and advancements by putting educational goals first at all times. We will implement high performance standards; demonstrate and encourage a positive attitude toward change; and strive diligently to maintain a challenging environment to encourage high academic achievement, successful emotional and social development, and pride in Putnam County Middle School.

**Policy Evaluation**

The Parent Involvement Policies of the Putnam County Charter School System and Putnam County Middle School are evaluated annually as to the effectiveness in increasing parent participation and identifying barriers to parent participation such as low income, disabilities, limited literacy, language or other cultural consideration. The findings of the annual evaluation are used to design strategies for school improvement or to redesign the parent policies.