

# Austin Middle School's Parent Involvement Policy

## Statement of Purpose

Amarillo ISD is committed to educating one child at a time through a partnership between school, family, and community. Austin Middle School strives to maintain a safe and productive environment for all students. We believe it is of the utmost importance that we challenge children to learn and to develop a love of learning. Each student will benefit from the supportive and active dedication of all faculty members. The strongest possible link between home and school will create the best conditions for every child to reach his or her fullest potential.

Each grade level's necessary knowledge and skills will be available upon request to families at the beginning of the school year. All students will be expected to work toward mastering these objectives. Our school recognizes the fact that some students may need extra assistance to achieve their full potential. We will provide support through Title I programs and other educational services as needed.

Austin Middle School will work diligently to include parents in all aspects of the Title 1 program at our school.

## Policy / Program Development

Our campus Vision Team comprised of parents, members of the community, teachers, the parent liaison, and administrators will meet to discuss the design, implementation, and/or revision of our Parent Involvement Policy. These meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for all concerned members.

Needs assessments will be conducted (i.e. surveys, questionnaires, meeting evaluations, etc.) and parental input will be solicited through various means throughout the school year, and this information will be used to make any needed policy revisions.

## Home-School Compact

In accordance with Title I regulations, our school has developed and will continue to review and revise as needed a **Home-School Compact** with the parents and students of Austin Middle School. The compact will further enable the school and parents to share responsibility for student performance and success.

The compact will explain how students, parents, and school faculty will share the responsibility for promoting student achievement. The Parent Advisory Committee along with other parents and students will be involved in the development and/or revision of the compact.

All parents will be given a copy of the compact detailing the areas of responsibility that the school, student, and family will have in helping the student accomplish their goals. These need to be reviewed with parents. Parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their family members and sign it together.