

# **Meigs County Schools**

## **2011-2012 School Year**

### **Parent Involvement Policy**

The mission of the Meigs County School District is to form a partnership with parents and citizens to develop well-rounded students that possess a sound basic education, a feeling of self worth and a formula for success that will produce morally strong, productive citizens for our ever-changing society.

The goal of our Parent Involvement program is to empower parents and equip them with resources to assist them as they partner with their children in their education. Research has shown that active parent involvement results in more positive student behavior, improvement of student attitudes, increased student attendance, higher homework completion, and better test scores. We will strive to increase our parent involvement through planning and implementing the following:

- Parents will be active participants in developing and monitoring our Parent Involvement plan. Parent representatives will serve on the system Family Engagement Committee, committees at each individual school, as well as TSIPP, TCSP, Coordinated School Health, and other advisory committees as valued stakeholders.
- Meigs County Schools' Family Engagement committee will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support to schools in planning/implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.
- Meigs County Schools' Family Engagement committee will provide leadership and planned activities to build the schools' and parents' capacity for stronger parental involvement.
- In cooperation with Meigs County Schools' personnel, the Family Engagement committee will provide assistance to parents in understanding topics such as the State's academic content standards, State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, requirements of NCLB Section 1118 parental involvement, how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve student achievement. All schools will encourage parents to attend a parent-teacher conference to begin a discussion of their children's achievement and strive to provide timely updates on their progress.
- The Family Engagement committees will provide materials and trainings to help parents work with their children to improve their achievement, in areas

such as literacy, technology, mathematics, and homework help to further encourage parental involvement.

- The Meigs County Schools' will educate school staff with the assistance of parents in the value and contributions of parents, as well as working with parents on ways to reach out to, communicate with, work with them as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.
- School related information on programs, meetings, events, workshops, and other activities will be sent to parents in a format and extent practicable and in a language the parents can understand. Schoolcast will be used to provide verbal communication to all families, and can be sent in English and Spanish. The yearly family engagement survey will be used to provide feedback on the school system each year and will be provided to parents in English and Spanish.
- Parents may request other items of support for parent involvement activities through contact with the school and/or system Family engagement committees. Homework help has been requested by parents during the 2011-2012 school years so they could become more familiar with how to help their child and will be a focus of our program.
- Meigs County Schools' will coordinate and integrate Title I-A parental involvement strategies with parent involvement strategies under other programs, such as Head Start, Voluntary Pre-K preschool programs, Title III ESL programs, and Special Education programs.
- Parents will be actively involved in participating in an annual Family Engagement survey which will be used to evaluate the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served by Title I-A. The survey results will be reviewed and used to identify barriers to greater parental participation in parent activities throughout the school system. Input from the parents will help design strategies for more effective parent involvement, including revising the Parent Involvement Policy if needed.
- Parents will be encouraged to be involved in the activities at their child's school. Monthly system-wide newsletters and calendars will be sent home with each student to provide updates and details of upcoming activities throughout the school system. Parental input in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the Title I Part A parent involvement program will be sought and valued.

- Meigs County Schools' will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, parents of immigrant and migratory students, and homeless students to participate in all activities. The schools will make every effort to provide information and school reports in a format and language that parents understand.
- Meigs County Schools' promotes parent involvement and community participation in programs for all students, including those who are economically disadvantaged, Homeless, ELL, Immigrant, Migrant, and/or Special Education, as all are valued in our diverse, multicultural family.

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