

Dexter Middle School's Family Engagement Plan 2017-2018

The Dexter Middle School's Family Engagement Plan was developed jointly with parents to establish expectations for parental involvement and to define the commitment of the school toward providing parents with the skills and information necessary to help their child achieve academic excellence. It is our goal to assist parents to be knowledgeable of the skills and information needed to help their child/children be successful in school.

Parental Commitment

Dexter Middle parents will act as advisors, resource persons, and coordinators in the following ways:

- Supporting our school's efforts to maintain a safe and respectful environment
- Supporting our school's efforts to help children achieve academically
- Assisting my child with homework and special projects
- Maintaining ongoing communication including attending parent/teacher conferences
- Actively participating in the WATCH DOGS, Curriculum Night, Open House, Field Day, Test Proctors, Family Math Night, Reading Night, Family Movie Night, and other parent/school committees
- Attend the Title I meetings as well as respond to memos, surveys, and questionnaires expressing my ideas, concerns, and suggestions

ESEA Commitment

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that Dexter Middle parents, administrators, staff and community members work together to plan for and ensure high quality academic programs in the following ways:

- Making parents and community members aware of ESEA and Dexter Middle's participation in state and federal programs
- Providing timely information to families about programs and policies administered under NCLB guidelines
- Encouraging parents to observe and volunteer in the school's programs and classrooms
- Soliciting ongoing feedback and suggestions from parents on decisions relating to the education of their child and schedule additional meetings during flexible times
- Providing parents with copies and explanations of the Family Engagement Plan and Parent/Student/Teacher/Compact
- Providing parents with ongoing, current student information, progress reports, and report cards
- Assisting parents in understanding Dexter Middle School's curriculum and assessments used to measure student progress, and the state's proficiency levels students are expected to meet

School Commitment

Dexter Middle School will encourage families to become meaningfully engaged in their child's education by doing the following:

- Inviting all parents to annual meetings (at flexible times) to inform them of NCLB and Title I requirements, the school's participation in Title I, and the rights of parents to be involved in the school
- Conducting regular and flexible parent meetings, to keep parents informed of current events and issues, timely progress reports, and parent/teacher conferences
- Involving parents in organized and ongoing development and future revisions of the School Improvement Plan, Family Engagement Plan, Parent/School Compact and other documents and programs relating to their child's academic instruction
- Encouraging parents to meet the challenges of raising happy, successful children by offering diverse parent trainings and workshops, based on surveyed parental needs
- Provide an information board of current events to inform parents of school events, so parents can receive notices and timely communications, in order to respond and /or participate
- Provide a parent resource room for parents to utilize during flexible hours for helpful tips on homework, parenting, math, reading, and job readiness