

# **Miller Junior High Parent & Family Engagement Policy**

## **Statement of Purpose**

Miller Junior High is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents, families, and the community. Everyone gains when students, parents, families, school, and community work together to promote student success. Parents & Families play a central role in their child's educational development. Parents & Families bring a unique insight and understanding of their child's strengths, weaknesses, and interests.

**We recognize that some Miller Junior High students may need additional assistance available through our Title One Program in order to reach our state's high standards.** Miller Junior High intends to include parents & families in all aspects of the school's Title One Program. Our goal is to build a partnership that fosters student success!

## **Parent & Family Engagement Opportunities**

Miller Junior High strives to involve parents and families in meaningful dialogue to foster the development of our students. Some of the ways we involve parents & families include:

**Back to School Days-** the opportunity to pick up a child's class schedule and get one-to-one assistance filling out all the back to school forms and paperwork

**Open House-** an evening event at the beginning of the year where parents & families meet all of their child's teachers and get information on all the school programs and opportunities, including Title One and the After School Program

**Monthly Family Fun Nights-** one evening a month where families and Miller staff participate in a fun, yet educationally informative, activity. These nights will highlight the different programs available at MJH, including Title One, and provide parents and families with tools to help support their child's growth and success.

**Student Led Conferences-** twice yearly, students lead a conference with their parents/guardians and teachers. The focus is on the progress the students are making towards their school goals.

**Meetings by request-** yearlong opportunities to request and schedule individual meetings with teachers, counselors and administrators

**Parent & Family Surveys-** parents & families surveyed twice a year during Student Led Conferencing

### **Parent & Family Communication Methods**

**Website** -updated daily with school announcements

**Updated written announcements** mailed out with student academic progress reports and report cards 8 times a year

**Automated phone calls-** periodic automated phone calls are made to inform parents of events and provide academic information

**Phone calls and emails-** staff and parents/guardians are able to call and email one another whenever needed

**Miller Junior has entered into a compact among staff, students, parents & families. This compact is distributed and reviewed during Back to School Days and is available on the school's Title 1/LAP website or the school office.** Students, Staff, Parents & Families are provided with the compact yearly and provided opportunity to give feedback in order alter/change/improve compact.