

Citrus Springs Middle

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2020-2021 School Year

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What is Title I?

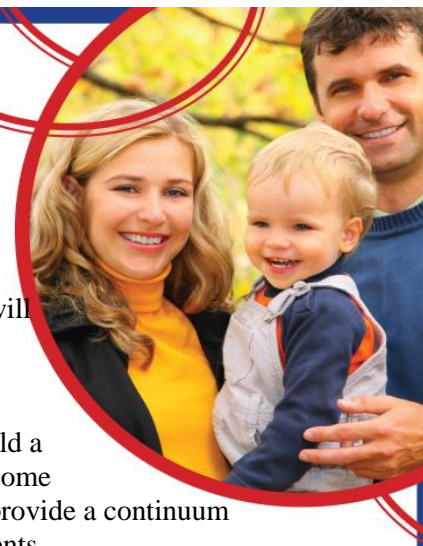
Citrus Springs Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Citrus Springs Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to help support student learning. For each child, we are committed to creating an environment that nurtures a lifelong desire to learn. Through teamwork with parents and our community, we will build a foundation of academic knowledge and skills, for students to become motivated learners and successful members of society. We will provide a continuum of learning experiences that are focused on the needs of the students.



How is it revised?

Citrus Springs Middle School invites all parents to attend our SAC Meetings to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide improvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during parent meetings and other activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Citrus Springs Middle School will provide the opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The Parent and Family Engagement Plan is posted on the school website. Parents can request a copy of the plan from their child's school.

2020-21 School Goals

Based upon the Citrus Springs Middle School
2020-21 Student Improvement Plan

Increase learning gains in ELA & Math for ALL
by incorporating differentiated instruction.

Increase pervasiveness of AVID in daily
instruction for ALL students.

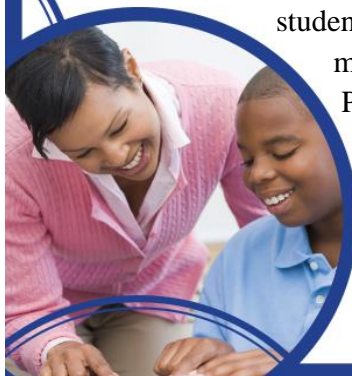
Improve the performance of SWD &
Black/African American students to close the
achievement gap with the general population.

Increase social emotional learning to improve
student achievement & attendance, decrease
discipline referrals and improve feedback from
stakeholders on school climate surveys.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Citrus Springs Middle School
and our families will develop a school-parent
compact. This compact is an agreement developed
with parents, teachers, and students to ensure all
students reach grade level standards. The compacts
will be reviewed and revised annually based on
feedback from parents,

students, and teachers at SAC
meetings. The School-
Parent Compacts are
shared with
parents during open
house or at parent-
teacher conferences.



Parent and Family Engagement Events!

Citrus Springs Middle School will host the following events to
build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a
partnership among the school, parents, and the community to
improve student academic achievement.

Virtual Open House – August 2020

Meet your child's teacher and tour our campus virtually.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 2020

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

SAC Meetings –

Our School Advisory Council meets 5 times a year. This year we will be
meeting via Zoom.

- 9/14/2020 at 3:00
- 11/9/2020 at 3:00
- 1/11/2021 at 3:00
- 3/8/2021 at 3:00
- 5/10/2021 at 3:00

Additional Events



Parent and Family Engagement

Citrus Springs Middle School believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Monthly Parent newsletters, containing information on Title I, and School Advisory Enhancement Council
- Information and links posted on our school website, social media, marquee to keep parents informed.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Citrus Springs Middle is committed to helping our families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation to participate in our programs.
(352)344-2244



Citrus Springs Middle School is Branching Out!

Citrus Springs Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is available in both English and Spanish. Skyward, School Messenger, Canvas, event flyers and social media are also used for parent communication, in addition to the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff with strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices quarterly.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Parent and Family Engagement members, SAC and other partners in education to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at events, provide input cards, and parent surveys to support family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Mission

The Family Engagement Committee functions to build relationships between the Citrus County School District, parents, and the community in setting standards of helping families hold high expectations for their children's education in order to prepare students to be college and career ready. We will enhance these relationships by supporting various forms of communication between home and school, with diverse school activities and the development of appropriate home learning opportunities.

Student Advisory Enhancement Council (SAC)

Citrus Springs Middle invites all parents to attend SAEC meetings to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and community. The team will meet five times during the school year, but parents and family members can submit ideas or suggestions at school activities, meetings, parent surveys and the school website. If you would like to learn more about SAC, please contact the principal at (352) 344-2244.



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and return this form to the Main Office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

Parent and Family Engagement Input

Please provide suggestions on:

School Improvement Plan: _____

Parent and Family Engagement Plan: _____

Parent and Family Engagement Funds: _____
