

Seminole Middle School
School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)
2020-2021

Mission Statement

Seminole Middle School strives to empower all students to achieve to their highest potential and become productive members in their community.

Engagement of Parents and Families

Seminole Middle School will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) except that if a school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children [Sections 1116(c)(3), 1114(b)(2), and 1116(a)(2)(B)].

The school will involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of Title 1 programs including how funds are spent through discussion at the SAC and PTA meetings. The school will present options in April 2020 for the planning of the 2020- 2021 Parent Involvement Plan and expenditures. Additionally, the school will continue with follow-up and modifications, as needed at all monthly SAC and PTA meetings.

Parents will be invited and encouraged to become active members of the School Advisory Council (SAC). At the SAC meetings, parents will be provided information regarding the school's Title 1 allocation (inclusive of professional development and parent involvement allotments). Parents will be allowed to provide input in the development and decision-making process of all Title 1 activities related to the school. An annual evaluation will be conducted using surveys completed by parents, staff, and the students. The results will be analyzed to evaluate the effectiveness of the school's parent involvement program.

Coordination and Integration

Seminole Middle School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities that teach parents how to help their children at home, to the extent feasible and appropriate, including but not limited to, other federal programs such as: Head Start, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, Title I, Part C, Title II, Title III, Title IV, and Title VI [Section 1116(e)(4)].

Count	Program	Coordination
1	Title I Family Curriculum Nights by Subject Area	Academic teacher and student presentations in Math, Reading, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies Departments coordinate monthly programs that include presentations of what is being taught in the classrooms, demonstrations of how to support and accomplish specific subject area goals at home, and provide resources (online and hardcopy) for parents to use at home. Title I nights are scheduled for September, October, January, February, and April.
2	Student Planners	Planners help with communication between parents and the school about activities taking place at school. and used to promote goal setting and organization skills. Help parents keep up to date with homework and class activities.
3	Foster grandparent program	Seminole Middle school will partner with the South Florida Institute for aging to support the most underserved students who are at risk of failing academically. The volunteers are role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs, and work 10-15 hours weekly. The grandparents, in congruence with the child's academic teacher, will offer support to families of children which includes, students' academic growth, areas for concern and at home resources and support specific to that child.

Annual Parent Meeting

Seminole Middle School will take the following actions to convene an annual meeting, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents involved. Include timeline, persons responsible, documentation to be maintained, and steps to ensure that all parents invited and encouraged to attend [Section 1116(c)(1)].

Specific Activity	Frequency and Duration	Evidence-Based Research	Evaluation of Implementation and Effectiveness
Title I Open House	August 2020	Mapp, K., Carver, I and Lander, J (2017). Powerful Partnerships: A Teacher's Guide to Engaging Families for Student Success.	Agenda, Sign-In sheets, Flyer, Newsletter, Website, notes or team meeting debriefing
SAC Meetings	Monthly		Sign-In sheets, Agenda, Minutes

Flexible Parent Meetings

Seminole Middle School will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement [Section 1116(c)(2)].

Parent meetings will be held at 7:10 a.m. for SAC/SAF. PTA meetings are held at 8:15 a.m. Parent programs, which include activities and Title I updates, and informational presentations will be held in the evenings at 6:30 p.m. Seminole Middle School will schedule meetings to be held at various times during the day or evenings to better accommodate parents. Our school will hold an orientation for parents at all grade levels to inform them about the school's participations in the Title I Program and to encourage parents to be involved with reviewing and revising the school's Title I plan. Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms or in the School Counseling office. Parents will be given a summary of their child's test scores and an explanation of the interventions that teachers are using to assist their child in reaching achievement goals. In addition, parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts. Parents will also be given explanations of homework and grading procedures. The school will offer parents a special workshop each year to provide an explanation of statewide assessment systems, standards, and other accountability measures. Lastly, the School-Parent Compact will be addressed and reviewed during parent/teacher conferences and Open House.

Building Capacity

Seminole Middle School will implement activities that will build the capacity for effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school and local educational agency assisted under this part – [Section 1116(e)]. Describe the actions the school will take to provide materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology [Section 1116(e)(2)].

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Parents Nights (Reading ELA Night)	Parent Night/ Student Presentations and Teacher Demonstrations Annually	The Annie E. Casey Foundation (2016). Engaging Parents, Developing Leaders: A Self-Assessment and Planning Tool for Nonprofits and Schools. Retrieved from http://www.ecf.org/m/resourcedoc/AECFEngagingParentsDevelopingLeaders-2016.pdf	Increase Reading and Literacy Skills school-wide and parent participation in assisting their students. 3 (Guest speaker, Student Presentations, and Teacher Demonstrations)
Math	Parent Night/ Student Presentations and Teacher Demonstrations Annually	Thierry, K., Arellano, M., Norris, K., Bryant, H., & Nobles, S. (2015, August 27). ASCD Express 10.24 - Fueling Engagement Within and Between Families. Retrieved from http://www.ascd.org/ascd-express/vol10/1024-thierry.aspx	Parents and students engaging in Mathematical practice related activities Parent exploring resources Increased capacity Increased student achievement Parent Workshops Notes

Science	Parent Night/ Student Presentations and Teacher Demonstrations Annually	Valras, L. (2017, September 28). ASCD Express 13.02 - Organizing Your Most Powerful Allies. Retrieved from http://www.ascd.org/ascd-express/vol13/1302-varlas.aspx .	(Student Presentations, and Teacher Demonstrations) Robotics displays and student and parent engagement connecting student output to proficiency Parent training and competitions Notes Sign-in sheets
Unified Arts	Parent Night/ Student Presentations and Teacher Demonstrations Annually	Valras, L. (2015, September). Education Update: Hold the Line: Engagement Practices That Welcome Families in Poverty. Retrieved from http://www.ascd.org/publications/newsletters/education_update/sept15/vol57/num09/toc.aspx	Notes Sign-in sheets Parent University Brochures
Social Studies	Parent Night/ Student Presentations and Teacher Demonstrations	Ness, M. K. (2016). Reading Comprehension Strategies in Secondary Content Area Classrooms: Teacher Use of and Attitudes Towards Reading Comprehension Instruction. <i>Reading Horizons: A Journal of Literacy and Language Arts</i> , 49 (2). Retrieved from https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/reading_horizons/vol49/iss2/5 Instruction strategies strategies and content specific vocabulary is paramount in student success, along with parent engagement	Flyers Sign-in sheets Agenda

Staff Training

Seminole Middle School will offer the following training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and schools [Section 1116(e)(3)].

Content and Type of Activity	Person Responsible	Correlation to Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
School Counseling presentation to faculty and staff regarding conferencing and diversity.	School Counselors	This assists teachers with ways to build parental support. Student achievement will improve when parents are given school support and resources to help their students.	August (during pre-planning week)	Agendas, sign-In sheets, minutes

Other Activities

Seminole Middle School will develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities; and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, the school will conduct these activities to encourage and support parent participation in the education of their children; and shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request [Sections 1116(e)(4), 1116(e)(13) and 1116(e)(14)].

Seminole Middle School will provide parents with ongoing resources and updated information online through the school website, in the quarterly newsletters, and on teacher resource pages. The school will also provide training in academic areas at department curriculum nights.

Communication

Seminole Middle School will provide parents of participating children the following [Section 1116(c)(4)]:

- ***Timely information about programs under this part [Section 1116(c)(4)(A)];***
- ***A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standard; and [Section 1116(c)(4)(B)];***
- ***If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible [Section 1116(c)(4)(C)]; and***
- ***If the school-wide program plan under Section 1114 (b is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local education agency [Section 1116(c)(5)].***

Seminole Middle School will provide information about Title 1 programs in a timely manner, using various methods of communication (newsletter, website, meetings, and flyers). Information about Title 1 programs, academic programs, Florida State Standards, grade level expectations, and forms of academic assessment will be shared with parents during the annual Open House/Title I Informational Meeting, parent conferences, and any other time a parent requests such information. Classroom teachers will explain and discuss the school's curriculum and types of assessments used to measure student progress during Open House. Title I teachers and administration will explain Title I programs and opportunities at the annual Title I Public Meeting. Parents will be given the opportunity to ask questions to help in their understanding of all items discussed at the annual Title 1 Public Meeting. FSA Assessment data will be shared through the school newsletter, individual student report, student teacher data chat and on the school website.

Accessibility

Seminole Middle School will provide full opportunities for participation in parental involvement activities for all parents and family members (including parents and family members with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children). Including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents understand [Section 1116(f)]

Seminole Middle School will provide an interpreter, as needed and requested, for parents with limited English proficiency at meetings scheduled to discuss student achievement. When possible, school information will be sent home in a variety of languages. All parents are contacted and invited via flyers, Parent Link, marquee, conferences, SAC/PTA meetings, Title 1 Open House, 6th grade orientation, and parent conferences regarding parent activities. Interpreters in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Portuguese, and ASL on-site. Other LEP interpreters available upon request.

School-Parent Compact

As a component of the school-level parent involvement plan, each school shall jointly develop, with parents for all children served under this part, a school-parent compact, that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement [Section 1116(d)].

Provide the LEA electronically the School-Parent Compact and evidence of parent input in the development of the compact.

Adoption

This School Parent Involvement Plan has been developed jointly with, and in agreement with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the School Advisory Council's meeting minutes.

This plan was adopted by the school on (03/11/20) and will be in effect during the 2020-2021 school year. The school will make this plan available to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 30, 2020.

Signature of Principal

Date

Sarah Rappaport
Sac Chairperson

9/29/2020

Date

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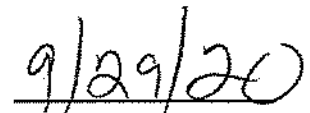
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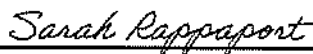
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