**PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY (PIP)**

The purpose of this Parent Involvement Policy is to meet the requirements of United State Code, §6318 regarding the involvement of parents, to the degree possible, in school programs, activities, and policies and procedures to support the education of their students while attending Sara Scott Harllee Middle School.

We are dedicated to ensuring that the students and their families have a positive learning experience while attending Sara Scott Harllee Middle School by totally engaging them in the schooling process. We will achieve this in the following ways:

* Every effort will be made to communicate the schools policies and procedures to students and their families in a language such that parents/guardians understand.
* Every effort will be made to ensure that parents/guardians understand the educational program, including the curriculum and assessment program.
* Every effort will be made to ensure that parents/guardians understand all academic reports used, i.e. state assessment results, school grades and progress reports, individual education plans (IEP), and educational plans for limited English students.
* Every effort will be made to schedule meetings at a time when most parents/guardians are able to attend.
* Every effort is made to present a parent compact annually, detailing the responsibilities of the school and the parents and describing the school and parent partnership with regards to maximizing student achievement in a language such that parents/guardians understand.
* Every effort will be made to encourage and to support volunteerism.

Several programs are maintained at Sara Scott Harllee Middle School to support our students and their families: Boy’s and Girl’s Club, Afterschool Tutoring, credit recovery for students who have fallen behind, English classes for parents, GED classes for parents, and childcare and tutoring are available while the parents attend the classes.

In addition, various means are used to maintain the communication link between home and school – flyers in book bags, the school’s website, which can be translated into a language such that parents can understand, the school’s marquee, and finally, an automated phone-calling system which can also be translated into a language such that parents can understand.

*Sara Scott Harllee Middle School will provide a rigorous curriculum and multiple learning opportunities in a safe and nurturing environment that encourages each student to strive for and meet his/her potential.*