



San Diego Unified School District  
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***THURGOOD MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL***  
**PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY 2019-20**

Thurgood Marshall Middle School has developed a written parent & family engagement policy with input from parents. We reviewed and revised the Parent and Family Engagement Policy during a School Site Council Meeting. Our School Site Council is comprised of parents and faculty members.

It has distributed the policy to all parents and guardians.

The MMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be distributed via our School Messenger system. We also have copies available in the MMS main office.

This policy describes the means for carrying out parent and family engagement requirements pursuant to ESSA Section 1116(c). To involve parents the following practices have been established:

The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents about the right of parents to be involved in the school program. Add details about the annual meetings in the box below:

During the annual Back to School Nights during the first month of school, the MMS administration outlines how parents can be involved at MMS and participate in their child's education. The school offers a flexible number of meetings for parents, such as meetings in the morning or afternoon.

The school involves parents of students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's programs and the parental involvement policy. How does the school involve parents?

At MMS, we have monthly meetings scheduled for the parent groups such as SSC, SGT, and MMO. Topics covered during the meetings will include, but are not limited to:

- \*Improving communication between home and school
- \*Providing strategies for parents to assist students with projects or homework
- \*Discussing current student assessment data and student progress
- \*Providing information about school and district resources for student improvement
- \*Evaluating the effectiveness of the parent involvement policy annually in order to increase parent involvement

The school provides parents of students with timely information about the school's programs.  
How does the school provide the information?

Information about MMS is distributed in the following ways:

- \*MMS website
- \*School Messenger system
- \*MMS Newsletter – The Stampede
- \*Scripps Ranch Newsletter
- \*MMS/MMO Social Media Apps (FaceBook/Instagram/Twitter)
- \*Parent Tours
- \*Parent meetings such as Back to School Night(s), Open House, 4-year Planning Meetings, College Making it Happen Events and Matriculation Nights

The school provides parents with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. How does the school provide the information?

During various parent meetings such as SSC, SGT, MMO, parent tours, matriculation meetings and individualized parent meetings, we discuss curriculum and student progress. We distribute student progress reports every six weeks in order to inform parents of their student's progress towards academic achievement. We also encourage parents to sign up for PowerSchool so they can have timely feedback regarding their child's progress.

If requested by parents, the school provides opportunities for parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. How does the school provide the opportunities?

MMS supports students and parents by providing individualized meetings upon request such as:

- \*Parent/Teacher conferences
- \*Student Study Team Meetings
- \*504 meetings
- \* Individualized Educational Plan Meetings

Thurgood Marshall Middle School distributes to parents a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning.
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class; and opportunities to observe classroom activities.

The MMS SSC and SGT committees, comprised of teachers, school staff members, parents and students, develop the School-Parent Compact. This compact is distributed to parents via our School Messenger program and it is posted on the MMS website.

The school provides parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement.

We have various tools and materials to support parents to improve their children's achievement such as:

- \*PowerSchool access to student records
- \*Student Planners
- \*Daily Progress Reports (*upon request*)
- \*Homework Zone support for students
- \*Homework notification option via MMS website
- \*Teacher websites that offer various resources

The school educates staff members in the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.

- \*We encourage having positive relationships with parents in order to best support our students. Staff members are committed to returning phone calls and emails within three business days.
- \*We use digital tools to provide timely feedback regarding student progress
- \*We plan professional development around parental involvement and how to increase student motivation

The school coordinates and integrates parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

We have various opportunities that we promote to support our parents such as:

- \*Parent Tours
- \*New student orientation meetings
- \*Matriculation meetings for parents
- \*4-year planning meetings
- \*College preparation planning meetings

The school distributes Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format and language that the parents understand.

- \*We have materials in other languages other than English *upon request*
- \*We provide translators at individualized meetings as necessary

The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by parents.

We believe we provide information in a number of ways so parents can learn about all the opportunities we provide for our families and students. If parents are unaware of programs or support that we offer, we will provide them with additional information.

The school provides opportunities for the participation of all parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand).

This policy was adopted by Thurgood Marshall Middle School on September 3, 2019 and will be in effect for the period of one academic year.

The school will distribute the policy to all parents of students on, or before: November 1, 2019.

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Signature of Authorized Official here

September 3, 2019