



Roberson

A Math, Science, and Fine Arts, Academy

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Roberson Middle School School Parent and Family Engagement Policy ESSA Section 1116 2020-2021

Roberson Middle School Mission Statement

The educators of Roberson Middle School will establish a learning environment that features authentic and engaging activities in the areas of Math, Science, and the Fine Arts that will stimulate the students' curiosity and impel them to work diligently.

Roberson Middle School shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

The policy will be distributed in the following ways:

- Open House
- Annual Title I meeting
- Roberson Middle School Website
- Blackboard Parent Connect

Roberson Middle School shall convene an annual meeting at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend. Roberson Middle School shall hold two Title I Annual meetings, in the fall semester of the 2019-2020 school year. The meeting will provide information on Title I funds, parental and family involvement, and our school performance as a whole.



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Roberson Middle School shall offer a flexible number of meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement.

Roberson Middle School will be available to communicate with parents in the following ways:

- Newsletters
- Morning conference time
- Teacher scheduled conference time
- PTO meetings
- Blackboard Connect
- Email

Roberson Middle School shall involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs. Additionally it will include the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the Campus Improvement Plan. Parents will have opportunities to do so by volunteering and participating in the campus PTO. The PTO will be representative of the community. Roberson Middle School will maintain an on-campus Parent Engagement Liaison to coordinate meetings between parents and campus staff.

Roberson Middle School shall maintain accurate phone numbers and email addresses of parents, in order to provide parents of participating children---

(A) Timely information about meetings, campus events, and educational programs used a language parents can understand

- Via campus website, newsletters, email and Blackboard, and surveys

(B) A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school

- Via Teacher websites and Schoology and curriculum night

The forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress

- MAP testing, Campus formative Assessments, Benchmarks, and Interim Testing

The achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards

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- Via MAP test scores with parent letter and summary

(C) 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 as it relates to the Campus Improvement Plan.

To ensure effective parental and family engagement and foster a partnership between school, parents and community, Roberson Middle School shall:

(i) Provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;

(ii) Provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement in the following ways:

- Provide letters regarding MAP scores in the BOY and MOY to indicate growth and how it relates to the State Assessment of Academic Readiness
- Professional Development for faculty and staff
- The necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support via Webinars
- Inform parents of availability of Campus Parent Resource Center and District Parent Resource Center (Parent Central)
- Parent workshops for parents/guardians (in languages parents can understand)

(iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, 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 the school in the following ways:

- Roberson Middle School will actively recruit parents and caregivers to participate in an advisory capacity.
- Roberson Middle School will conduct a campus wide parent survey for the annual evaluation of the campus programs and to identify barriers and effectiveness of the procedures in place.

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- Invite parents and families to open house, showcase events, and other events to display student learning and talent (Virtual)
- Encourage parents to volunteer on campus and virtually
- Provide parents with online access to their child's attendance and grades via the Home Access Center and Schoology

(iv) Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

Roberson Middle School will provide information to parents regarding all district events held by the Community Engagement department.

Roberson Middle School will build the school's capacity for strong parental and family engagement in effort to build student academic achievement.

This Roberson Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs on *October 1, 2019*, and will be in effect during the 2019-2020 school year.