

**2020-2021**  
**HARRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

Harris Middle School faculty and staff believe that the cooperation between the parent, student, and school will result in a stronger more effective school. We recognize that the involvement of parents in their child's education has been shown to enhance student performance and success. The overall goal is to promote partnerships that increase parental involvement and participation in nurturing the social, emotional, and academic growth of children. This policy shows how we plan to accomplish this task.

**I. Annual Title 1 Public Meeting**

Harris Middle School will host an annual public VIRTUAL meeting for ALL parents and staff members at the beginning of the school year. This meeting is to inform parents about their rights under the law and to provide them with the information that will allow them to be fully active in their child's education. This meeting will also provide parents an opportunity to review the School Learning Compact as well as what it means for our school to be included in the federal Title 1 program. Also, the meeting will be held in conjunction with individual grade levels where you can also have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers. If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like to set up an appointment to receive the information, please contact the office at 766-3340.

**II. Flexible Meetings**

Each parent is encouraged to call or email the school or your child's teacher at any time and set up an appointment if ever needed or if you have questions or concerns. \*The information shared at the VIRTUAL Annual Public Meeting will also be shared with parents of new students as they enroll or given the opportunity to schedule an appointment to receive the information.

**III. Involving Parents in an Organized, Ongoing, and Timely Way**

Progress Reports will be provided to parents at least twice every quarter, along with a Report Card at the end of each quarter. Parents are also encouraged to use Harris Middle School's website where important links and information will be located throughout the school year. Parents will also have the opportunity to use the PowerSchool parent portal to keep track of student progress in each class throughout the school year. The school will also be utilizing the MAC system to inform parents and students of any important information. All of the information given is also available in each student's home language as needed.

**IV. Timely Information**

Parents will receive information about their child through PowerSchool/Progress Reports, which are updated weekly. Also, they will receive a Report Card at the end of each quarter. Student grades will be uploaded into PowerSchool weekly. Parents are also provided with information about their child through the use of email, PowerSchool Learning, social media sites, and the Remind app each day, where daily homework, assignments, or teacher comments will be located to help communicate with each other. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers or the administrator at any time throughout the year and schedule an appointment if needed.

**V. Opportunities for Regular Meetings**

Parents will be given several opportunities throughout the year, to be actively involved in their child's education. Parent conferences are scheduled within the school year or parents are asked to

schedule an appointment if not able to attend.

**VI. Providing for Parent Comments**

Parents are encouraged to provide feedback and/or give suggestions at any time throughout the year. This can be done by visiting the parent links on the Harris Middle School website, social media, virtual video staff introductions, and programs available at HMS.

**VII. School-Parent-Student Learning Compact**

The School-Parent-Student Learning Compact is developed and/or reviewed at the annual meeting. Parents are asked for comments regarding the compact where each will be reviewed as needed. A file of signed compacts is kept within each homeroom teacher's classroom.