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Title I Schoolwide

The staff at Dixon Middle School believes educating our children should be a continuous collaboration between the home, school, and the community. To ensure parent and family engagement in the planning and implementation of the Title I program, the following activities will be implemented at Dixon Middle School:

1. Written Policy

Dixon Middle School staff members and parents/families will jointly develop a written Parent and Family Engagement Policy to be distributed annually to parents and families of all children. This document will be distributed to parents and families by being sent home with students this year and being part of the school handbook in subsequent years. It will be shared at intake meetings for new students. Review of the policy will occur annually at the Spring Meeting with opportunities for input at the school throughout the spring.

2. Opportunities for Regular Public Meetings

Annual First Semester and Annual Second Semester meetings will be held at Dixon Middle School.

An Annual First Semester Meeting will be held in conjunction with "Club Night" to

- Inform parents and families about the school's facilities and its Title I Schoolwide designation
- Inform parents and families of summary results of the prior year's EOG Testing, if available
- Provide parents and families with an overview of the Title I Program
- Provide parents and families with information concerning parent and family engagement requirements, assessment data, school performance profiles, and forms or methods of measuring students' progress

The Annual Second Semester Meeting will be held in conjunction with another family event to

- Evaluate and/or make improvements on current program or upcoming activities
- Solicit input from parents and families in the design and implementation of the School Improvement Plan and Parent and Family Engagement policy for the upcoming year
- Share overall preliminary EOG results, if available, and alert parents and families that individual reports, if available, will be sent home at the end of year in report cards

3. Regular Title I Parent/Family Engagement Meetings

Title I Parent/Family Engagement Meetings will be held during the school year, usually at night, to provide continued information, support and resources for all parents and families. Parents/families will be strongly encouraged to attend other school events and conferences, volunteer in classroom activities, and observe in the Title I program.

4. Training Opportunities

Training topics are determined by our needs assessment data and parent/family suggestions. Meetings will be scheduled on a regular basis.

- Parents/families will be notified in advance of the scheduled activities.
- Parents/families may request additional meetings with staff to address needs.
- Instructional plans and assessment information will also be communicated to parents and families through weekly calls/emails/texts, The Bulldog Bite (Facebook), DMS website, and individual teacher websites.

5. Coordination with Other Programs

We will meet our goals of establishing liaisons and maintaining communication with other school programs and other related external agencies and organizations through collaboration and coordination with individuals in those groups and through the following actions:

- Notifying parents and families of assistance from outside agencies, such as the CHEW program, Salvation Army, Master's Touch, Onslow County Parks and Recreation (sports and other programs), Boy and Girl Scouts, the public library and summer programs.
- Inviting participation by adults from the community into school assemblies and programs with notification via flyers and social media.
- Supporting participation in school events sponsored by the library/media center, art, music, and physical education teachers at our school.
- Hosting Clinical Teacher Interns and Clinical Nursing students from East Carolina University, as available, in our classrooms and school to help prepare them as highly qualified teachers and nurses.
- Receiving Marines from a squadron stationed at Camp Lejeune as mentors for students identified by staff and guidance counselor.
- Accessing services as needed through the Crisis Center in Jacksonville.
- Supporting the work of the Military Student Liaison.

Opportunities for EL/ML and SWD Parents

Once a need is identified, we will attempt to assist parents and families with limited English proficiency and parents/families with disabilities in the opportunity to participate in their children's educational curriculum and environment.

- Spanish version of district forms, as well as "Reading Connection" and "Math and Science Connection" will be provided through Federal Programs at Central Services.
- The EC Department provides Spanish versions of all forms and documents.
- All parents will be invited to participate on school committees.

Coordination and Integrating Parent Involvement

At Dixon Middle School, we coordinate our programs and activities with the following staff and programs to support parent and family participation in the education of their children:

- Boys and Girls Club Brigade
- Multi-Lingual Learners/ML District leaders
- School nurse, counselor, military liaison, social worker
- Onslow County Schools Rising 6th Grade Transition Day
- Onslow County Schools College Fair
- Onslow County School's Early College