

Simmons Pinckney Middle School
Parent Involvement Policy 2016-2017

At Simmons Pinckney, a Title 1 school, parents and community members are welcome and invited to participate in the various activities and opportunities we have at our school. We believe that active parent/community involvement is essential to ensure student academic success. The following is a list of opportunities/activities for our school:

1. Parents are involved in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of the Parent Involvement Policy, Home-School Compact, and Title I Program. The Title I Planning Team will review and update the policy and compact as needed. A draft of the policy and compact will be sent to all parents for their input. The policy and compact drafts will also be presented at the Title I Annual Meeting for input. The policy and compact will be finalized after all input has been gathered and the Title I Planning Team has reviewed and revised them as needed. The compact will be sent to parents for their signature. The effectiveness of the parent involvement policy will be evaluated annually through surveys or questionnaires. Parents have access to the Title I Plan. They may submit comments on the plan through the use of the school's written procedure for responding to parents' suggestions or by placing comments in the school's Suggestion Box.
2. The school will convene an annual meeting October 5 inform parents of:
 - The school's participation in the Title I program
 - The requirements of Title I
 - Parents' right to be involved in their children's education
3. The school will use Title I funds to provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. This may include costs for childcare, transportation, home visits and training. The school will make every attempt to meet the needs of parents who make special requests
4. During each school year, we have at least two "Family Nights." These nights focus on various learning areas: reading, writing, math, social studies and/or science. Students attend with their parent(s) and both are invited to participate in the activities. Parents receive helpful learning tips and activities to help their children succeed in school.
5. A newsletter is provided weekly by grade level to keep parents informed of learning initiatives, new technology, upcoming assignments and topics of study, field trips and long term projects. This focus will allow parents to be knowledgeable, up to date and informed about what their child is studying and learning from week to week. Parents can access our newsletters through our Simmons Pinckney Web Site. In addition, the principal and Guidance Office sends out a quarterly newsletter with progress reports

and report cards updating parents on school wide events and initiatives. The principal publishes a monthly newsletter for parents on school events, activities, news and updated for parents.

6. Our School Improvement Team (SIT) meets monthly. The purpose of the Sit Team is to serve as the foundation for actively involving the school community and parents in designing learning goals as well as innovative projects which enhance the educational experiences of our students. This team creates, reviews and evaluates the school improvement plan.

7. An introduction and invitation for parent involvement is offered by staff and PTA during the spring, first day of school, open house, as well as throughout the school year to encourage parents and community members to become actively involved.

8. We invite parents to attend Goal Conferences and Mid-year Conferences, to assist them in understanding the Standardized Testing Reporting System and their student's progress toward grade level Standards.

9. Simmons Pinckney staff is available to communicate with parents through various methods: conferences, school and class newsletters, notes home, phone calls to parents, and email. Parents are invited to provide input and assist teachers and administrators in making decisions regarding their child's education.

10. During our Annual Open House (in September) parents are provided with information regarding our school's academic progress, scoring, the testing process, student preparation, data, trends and results from the previous spring Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP).

11. Teachers at Simmons Pinckney will be conducting Goal Setting Conferences in October. The purpose of goal setting conferences is to provide meaningful conversation with students and parents regarding students' academic strengths and to set achievement goals and plans for the current school year using a Student Learning Plan/Goal Conferencing tool.

12. Parents will receive other assessment reports throughout the year that inform them on their child's progress towards their established goals. Students will be working throughout the year on digital platforms, Achieve 3000 and Aleks. Teachers will assess progress and communicate this data and other measures from the classroom through teacher designed rubrics to parents.

