

*Parent and Family
Engagement Policy and Plan
for Shared Student Success*

2025-2026 School Year

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**Additional Parent Input for Plan
Revision August - October 2025**

What is Title 1?

Eighth Street Middle School is a Title 1 School. Title 1 supports State and Local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning. All Title 1 schools must develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Eighth Street Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Eighth Street values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Eighth Street will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities to promote student learning at school and home.

How is it revised?

Eighth Street Middle School invited all parents to provide input throughout the school year up through last Spring 2025 to review this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the family engagement budget. Additionally, in 2025 from August – October parent input and comments regarding the parent policy, compact and schoolwide plan was solicited from parents through meetings, Facebook, Google Forms and Infinite Campus. The policy and plan will be posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parental feedback received during the year will be used to revise our policies and plans for the next school year. We will also distribute an annual survey online and ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and policies as well as suggestions for using family engagement funds. Parents and family members can also give feedback during parent meetings during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Eighth Street will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year the draft plan will be shared at the Parent Title 1 Meeting. The draft plan and policies will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy our plans and policies in the school lobby or from our Parent Liaison, Mr. Reginald Phillips.



2025-2026 District Goals

Support and challenge student learning for mastery of standards

2025-2026 School Goals

- Increase the number of students performing at proficient & distinguished levels by 7% and above in all grade levels in ELA and Math.
- 100% of teachers will implement a writing focus across content areas.
- ESMS will decrease the number of discipline referrals by 20% .

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Eighth Street and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be

reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers.

The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.



Let's Get Together!

Eighth Street will host the following events to build the capacity for strong Engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the Community to improve student academic achievement.

Local School Governance Team Meetings-Aug. 6, Sept. 6, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec.3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 7, April 1 ,May 6,

An opportunity for parents to receive drafts of the School Improvement plan, Parent Involvement Policy, and School Parent Compact for the purpose of providing feedback and suggestions. Also, be involved in local decision making.

Title 1 /Parent Workshop - September 2

Merging with Middle School - What parents need to know about Title 1? Information for parents pertaining to the Parent Portal, BARK, Grading System, Attendance Policy, New Medication Policy, Assessment and Mental Health Awareness

Parent Conference Day - TBA

Please contact the front office or your child's teacher to schedule a parent teacher conference.

Parent Workshops - October 7, January 13, February 3,

Workshops will be pertaining to Merging With Middle School -Information about each workshop will be provided prior to the scheduled workshop

Blue Devil of The Month - Sept 5 , Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, Feb. 6, Mar. 13, April 10

An opportunity for parents to see their child recognized for their success in school based on nominations from teachers. While attending breakfast parents will be able to receive updates and provide additional input on School Improvement Plan, Parent Compact and Family Engagement Plan.



Parent Resource Center

Computers are available in the Media Center for parents to access the Parent Portal and other educational resources.

Contact: kggriffin@tiftschools.com

Parent and Family Involvement

Eighth Street believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. This includes ensuring that:

- Parents play an integral role in supporting their children's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to actively participate in their children's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their children's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and advisory committees that support their children's education.

Eighth Street is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities described in this policy. If you need assistance with childcare or transportation to participate in our programs, please call or email us. Reginald Phillips (229) 387-2445 ext. 1532

rphillips@tiftschools.com

Eighth Street High School

Commitment + Support + Motivation = Success

Eighth Street will take the following steps to promote and support parents and family members as a fundamental part of the school, in order to strengthen our community and achieve our goals. We commit to:

- ✓ Ensuring that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter.
- ✓ Providing monthly trainings to staff during planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement in reading and math activities outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regular faculty meetings.
- ✓ Collaborating with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career readiness organizations, parent resource centers, and other programs (as appropriate) to help parents and their children prepare for successful school transitions.
- ✓ Sharing information in English and Spanish on the school's social media channels and in the school newsletter to help parents understand academic standards and assessments, as well as ways they can monitor their children's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicating regularly with all families and the community regarding school-wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Utilizing our Partners in Education and the School-Community Team to increase awareness of the activities and events listed in the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- ✓ Gathering feedback from parents and family members at all events, posting input cards around the building, and providing a feedback form on the school website to respond to parents' requests for additional support.
- ✓ Working with parents to develop relevant trainings and useful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Providing necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help them support their children's achievement.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Eighth Street Middle and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Local School Governance Team

Eighth Street Middle School invites all parents to provide input and share concerns with the local school governance team. The local school governance team is a group of parents/guardians, educators, and community members who work together to support student learning and well-being at the school. They normally meet nine times during the school year. If you would like to know more about the governance team you may contact **Mr. Bradley Winger, Principal** at (229)387-2445)



Parent Support Resources

If you would like to know what support services are available in Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies or other areas, Please email rphillps@tiftschools.com

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have concerns that you would like for us to address please email bwinger@tiftschools.com

Please include your name and telephone number.