



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Austin Meehan Middle School School-Parent Compact

School Year 2021-2022

Revision Date:

5/11/2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students and staff of Austin Meehan Middle School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual, Winter and Spring revision meetings to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. This year, the parent input meeting was held on May 11, 2021. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the school Family Engagement Survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs, policies and Family Engagement workshops.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

The Board of Education's updated Goals and Guardrails are available on the School District Website at www.philasd.org.

Austin Meehan Middle School GOALS

*At least 75% of students will earn A's and B's in all core courses.
At least 36% of grade 6-8 students will score proficient/advanced on the ELA PSSA.
At least 22% of grade 6-8 students will score proficient/advanced on the Math PSSA.
At least 50% of all students will attend school 95% of days or more.
At least 90% of students will have 0% out-of-school suspensions.*

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Austin Meehan Middle School will:

School Website
School Messenger/ Phone calls
Email
Flyers/letters sent home with students
Parent Portal
Student Agenda book

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Austin Meehan Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

SAC meetings -monthly
Parent Workshops/Trainings - quarterly
Title I meetings (Annual, Winter & Spring mtgs)
Assembly Programs (Music, Awards, Talent Show, Recognition Assemblies, Music / Band Performances)
Partnership Presentation (Eat Right Now Workshops, Police Safety Presentations)



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Austin Meehan Middle School **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Austin Meehan Middle School receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

Austin Meehan Middle School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

-Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.

-Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

-If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.

-Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- (C) Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

Austin Meehan Middle School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

Through our monthly School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings, all community partners are invited to attend and share supports their organization offers with our parents. Community members are often included in SAC agendas to share with our school community how a partnership with them will best serve Meehan stakeholders.

Section G: BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Austin Meehan Middle School will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The challenging State's academic standards
 - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - The requirements of Title I, Part A
 - How to monitor their child's progress
 - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

Each year in the Fall, during Back to School Night/Annual Title I Meeting we provide parents with information regarding the Title I programs, State and local assessments and standards as well as how to monitor their child's progress. Report Card Conferences are held three times per school year which gives parents an additional opportunity to learn how to monitor their child's progress and to work with educators to improve achievement. Additionally, parents have the opportunity to participate in monthly SAC meetings with the principal during which time training and materials are provided.

Section H: BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

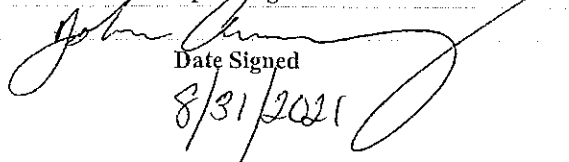
Austin Meehan Middle School will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school by:

Each year, during district mandated professional development days, all staff are trained on how to communicate and work with parents as equal partners.. This is done with the input of parents through school surveys, parent word of mouth, and the state SPAC videos.

Austin Meehan Middle School will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

*On Site Counseling for students followed but additional supports as needed I.E. SAP Process, help seeking additional outside supports.
Various ways to contact the school and receive information from the school and school district via the web, mailing and in person parental visits to the school for activities and functions.
Via School Website*

Principal's Signature



Date Signed

8/31/2021