



EDGEWATER PARK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Parent and Family Member Engagement Policy

Statement of Purpose

The mission of the Samuel M. Ridgway Middle School is to successfully educate all students through high expectations, a commitment to excellence, and equal access to comprehensive educational programs, emphasizing the belief that all students will learn and become responsible, literate, thinking, and contributing members of society. Samuel M. Ridgway Middle School will develop and maintain partnerships with parents, family members, patrons, and community members to accomplish these objectives. A positive link between home and school will create the best learning conditions for every child. Students will be given every opportunity for success through developing and enhancing the home/school partnership.

Samuel M. Ridgway Middle School will include parents in all aspects of the Title I program and in the development of the Parent and Family Member Engagement policy, Parents and family members, members of the community, and school staff meet to discuss the design and implementation of the Title I Parent Involvement Policy. Samuel M. Ridgway Middle School reviews and updates the design and implementation of this policy.

Programs Available for Basic Skills Students *

- Small group instruction
- Targeted academic assistance before/during/after school After school, academic assistance
- Differentiation of instruction
- UDL (Universal Design for Learning)
- Choice menus for students
- Technology integration
- Map Testing

School will:

- Provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format,
- Provide parents of participating children information promptly about Title I programs, which includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure a child's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- At the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as feasibly possible.
- Provide to each parent an individual student report about their child's performance on the State Assessment in Math and Language Arts.
- Provide each parent timely notice when his/her child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not deemed "highly qualified" within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).

Parental and Family Members Engagement Opportunities *

Samuel M. Ridgway Middle School provides numerous opportunities for parental and family members' engagement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students.

- Back to School Night: 9/20/23 6:30 pm
- American Education Week - November Celebrating success with families as partners
- Fall Conferences - December 13th, 15th, and 16th @ 1:15-3:25. December 14th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Winter Concert (tbd)
- Spring Concert (tbd)
- School Play Performance (tbd)
- Student Talent Show (tbd)
- Math Night (tbd)

Parents and family members are asked to give support in the following ways:

- Join parents' organizations (i.e. PTO)
- Review the monthly Principal's Newsletter (online) for updates
- Review the monthly web pages
- Utilize online resources for information about your child or school programs
- Talk about/review the student planner nightly to check the completion of homework assignments
- Attend school events
- Make an appointment to seek assistance from teachers to intervene in possible problem areas
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and request additional meetings, if needed
- Keep teachers informed about events and issues that may affect your child's work or behavior
- Read to your child and talk with his/her or her about what you are reading
- Limit time spent playing video games and using computer devices for social networks
- Limit TV time and monitor the quality of viewed shows to ensure they are appropriate
- Access the "Parent Portal" online regularly to keep abreast of your child's assignments, grades, and academic status

Staff and Parent

Parents and family members will be informed of school activities through various avenues of communication throughout the school year and will be consulted in the implementation of the Title I program, Monthly newsletters, teacher notes, the school sign, conferences, personal contacts, phone calls, and written notices will be used to establish and maintain open lines of communication with parents and family members. Every parent/caregiver of a Title I student will receive information outlining the results of NJ ASK testing that will specify the areas of needed instruction. The Title I instructional assistants will maintain a record of parent contacts throughout the school year.

Evaluation

Parents will be surveyed, including input on the effectiveness of the program, and the results reviewed. The Samuel M. Ridgway Middle School will revise the Parent and Family Members Engagement Policy based on the results of the annual review.

Suggestions:
