Connections Academy Middle School Title 1

Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

**Policy Engagement:** The opinions of our families are very important, and we want your feedback. In order to hear from you all regarding our Title 1 Family Engagement Policy we will:

* Provide you with information about being part of a Title 1 school being of the school year will mailing a copy to all parents and handing out a copy with our first Family event.
* Work in conjunction with the WCPSS Office of Equity Affairs to hold four Family Engagement events for the entire school year. The family events will allow our staff to share opportunities to gather clarification of academic content and how to best support your children and family needs. The family events will be presented in English and we will provide an interpreter for our Spanish speaking families. Below are the dates for our four Family Engagement events.

* 11.02/23: Fall Family Engagement Event
* 2/1/24: Title 1 FY2024 Family Meeting/Engagement Event
* 4/20/24: Spring into Education Excellent
* 6/2/24: End of School year – Celebration

**\****Parents and students attending the Family Engagement Events will receive food, home educational materials, and information on available resources in Wake County for families and students.*

* Create a Family & Community Advisory Council, comprised of staff, family, and community members, that will serve as a group of leaders who provide support toward engagement of all members of the Connections Academy Middle School community, including the planning, review, and improvement of the use of Title 1 funds.
* Send a copy of the policy home, including a form where feedback can be provided.

**Shared Responsibilities for High Student Achievement:** The shared responsibility expectations are reflected and presented in our Principal/Assistant Principal contract with student, parent/legal guardian and the school administrative team.  This contract includes responsibilities of Connections Academy Middle School administrative team, student and parent/legal guardian alike and the necessary partnership between these groups, which shall be enriched throughout the year by communications regarding student progress.

**Building Capacity for Engagement:** Supporting our families and staff in growing their capabilities for engagement is crucial to our success. To ensure this happens, we will:

* Afterschool online/in person tutoring program for all students Monday – Friday, two day a week for one hour 2:30 – 3:30pm with a staff member.
* Set goals with families during Family and Community Advisory Council meetings that will take place during the 2nd and 4th quarters.  Additional meetings may be scheduled as the need arises.
* Connections Academy Middle school will hold four Family Engagement Events during the calendar school year. During these events families and community members will be given opportunities to educate and enhance understanding for staff on proper etiquette and beliefs within cultures to grow our community.
* Our community support for our PTA is through Hope Community Church to help support for our staff, students, and family with many resources such as food, clothing, and mentors. Our Volunteer coordinator Mr. Cormier will assist with volunteer trainings throughout the year.
* Provide professional development to our staff that is responsive to the results of the annual Title 1 Family Survey.
* Be flexible in communications with families, including but not limited to emails, telephone calls, personal conferences.

**Accessibility:** By providing translation services and offering a variety of opportunities, we hope to engage and be accessible to all community members of our Connections Academy Middle School family.