

Cambridge Middle School **Parent/Family Involvement Policy**

Cambridge Middle School (CMS) recognizes and values parents and families as children's first teachers and decision makers in education. We believe that student learning is more likely to occur when there is an effective partnership between the school and the student's parents and family. Such a partnership between the home and school and greater involvement of parents in the education of their children generally result in high academic achievement, improved student behavior and reduced absenteeism.

CMS agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

Relationships with Families

- Cultivating school environments that are welcoming, supportive, and student centered.
- Providing professional development for school staff that helps build partnerships between families and schools.
- Providing family activities that relate to various economic and cultural barriers.

Effective Communication

- Providing information to families to support the proper health, safety, and well-being of their children.
- Providing information to families about school policies, procedures, programs, and activities.
- Promoting regular and open communication between school personnel and students' family members.
- Communicating with families in a format and language that is understandable.
- Providing information and involving families in monitoring student progress.
- Providing families with timely and meaningful information regarding Ohio's academic standards, state and local assessments, and pertinent legal provisions.

Learning at Home

- Offering resources to help families support at-home learning and success in school.
- Working with families to establish learning goals and help their children accomplish these goals.

Involving Families in Decision Making and Advocacy

- Involving families as partner in the process of school review and continuous improvement planning.

Collaborating with the Community

- Building constructive partnerships and connecting families with community-based programs and other community resources.
- Coordinating and integrating family involvement programs and activities with the school initiatives and community-based programs that encourage and support families' participation in their children's education, growth, and development.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Providing volunteer opportunities for families to support their children's school activities.

Implementation

- The Principal will provide for a comprehensive plan to engage parents, families, and community members in a partnership in support of each student's academic achievement.