

Parental Involvement Policy  
For  
Lafayette Middle School

At Lafayette Middle School, we believe that a child's education is a responsibility shared by child, parents, school, and community. To support the mission of Lafayette Middle School, to work cooperatively with parents, teachers, and community partners in providing students with activities which motivate them to become lifelong learners and good citizens. We must work together as partners in ensuring the educational success of each child.

Although parents are diverse in culture, language, and needs, they share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children. Lafayette Middle School will establish programs and practices that enhance parental involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families. These programs will be comprehensive and coordinated in nature. They will include, but are not limited to, the following components of successful parent involvement programs:

- Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.
- Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning
- Parents are welcomed in the school, and their support and assistance sought.
- Parents are partners in the decisions that affect children and families.
- Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

Lafayette Middle School recognizes the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. Lafayette Middle School supports the development, implementation, and continual evaluation of programs that reflect decisions and practices of the school.

Engaging parents is essential to improving student achievement. Lafayette Middle School shall foster and support active, appropriate parental involvement.