

**JULIUS MARKS ELEMENTARY**  
**2019-2020**  
**PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

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Recognizing that parents are the primary influence in children's lives, Julius Marks Elementary will provide an environment that encourages parental involvement in their child's/children's educational development by:

1. Providing a warm, accepting climate
2. Establishing open lines of communication between home and school in languages that parents can understand that shall include but are not limited to
  - Monthly PTA, FRC, and Title I newsletters
  - At least two parent/teacher conferences each year, offered at different times of the day (The meetings will take place at a mutually agreed upon time or may take place by telephone or e-mail.)
  - Four report cards
  - Infinite Campus grades updated weekly
  - Use of email/technology to maintain open lines of communication
  - Updated and current school webpage
3. Offering parents opportunities to volunteer in the classroom on a mutually agreed upon schedule (In order to be in compliance with House Bill 136 enacted in 2000, we must obtain criminal records checks for adult volunteers in our schools.)
4. Offering assistance in understanding curriculum, assessments, and progress monitoring.
5. Allowing parents to visit their child's class for up to and not to exceed 30 minutes, at a time scheduled with the teacher, any given day once a month. The visit cannot interfere with the instructional day and no impromptu conferences will be allowed.

**To insure the safety of our students, all visitors, volunteers, and parents must sign in at the office before going to any class.**

***I. Parental involvement is achieved through the following programs:***

1. Parent representation on the following:
  - PTA Board of Directors
  - School-based Decision Making Council
  - Committees
  - Title I Advisory Council
    - To review and plan for the Title 1 program
    - To develop the school and parent compact to set mutual expectations
    - To review and improve the Parent Involvement Policy
2. Parent direction and involvement through programs such as the following:

- PTA Reflections Contest
- Science Fair
- Book Fair
- Fun Day
- Teachers' Appreciation Week
- Jump Rope for Jaguars
- Battle of the Books
- Student Yearbook
- Fall Festival
- Celebration of Success
- Math/Literacy Nights
- After school clubs
- Academic Challenge

3. Parent participation through other programs and volunteers activities including:

- Title I Parent/Student/Teacher/School Partnership Agreement
- Student folders utilized by teachers, administrators, students and parents
- Periodic informational materials sent home in daily folders
- Parent surveys
- Sign in front of school
- Posting of minutes of SBDM and PTA meetings
- Teacher newsletters
- Curriculum & Literacy nights

4. Other means of communication:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences (minimum of 2 per year)
- Dojo
- Communication with Principal, PSA/Administrative Dean, Child Guidance Counselor, Special Education Facilitator, Family Resource Center Coordinator and other support staff
- Title I staff including the Social Worker home visits
- Annual informational Title 1 meeting to describe the program and assure parents of right to be involved.

***II. Minority participation is encouraged through:***

1. Representation on School-Based Decision Making Council
2. Representation on PTA Board of Directors
3. Representation on Committees
4. Representation on Staff and Faculty

***III. Parental outreach programs include:***

1. PTA general membership meetings
2. Guest speakers at PTA meetings
3. Family Resource Center
  - Assistance to needy children for school supplies, clothing, etc.
  - Assistance on community projects, i.e. food drives, etc.
  - Blessings in a Backpack
  - At-Home Visits
4. Guidance Counselor
  - Conferences with parents and students
  - Information sent home to parents
  - At-home visits
5. School nurse
6. School psychologist
7. Parent/teacher conferences
8. Events sponsored by PTA
9. PTA newsletter
10. Title I Social Worker home visits
11. Family Resource Center sponsored workshops, programs, and special events
12. Title I Parent meetings with educational components
13. Title 1 funds available to pay for expenses related to parent involvement (e.g., transportation)

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