# **Opportunities for Involvement**

Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting

**Open House** 

Parent Conferences

**Grade Level Orientations** 

Family Literacy and Math Nights

Honor Assemblies

Volunteering

Classroom Activities and Trips

**Donuts for Dads** 

Muffins for Moms

**Musical Programs** 

Veterans Day Program

**SAC Meetings** 

**PTO Meetings** 

**Book Fairs** 

Banquets

**Extracurricular Activi**ties

Athletics

Thanksgiving Lunch

# **Altha Public School**

#### **Mission Statement**

Altha Public School strives to provide every student the opportunity to excel academically, emotionally, and socially in a safe, positive environment.

#### SCHOOL BELIEFS

Altha Public School recognizes that a Pre-Kg-12th grade school has greatly varied age differences and needs, which provide unique opportunities and challenges. Therefore, Altha Public School believes it is crucial for teachers, parents, and community members to collaboratively provide students with experiences that will enable them to become productive citizens.

Altha Public School believes each student should be recognized as a unique individual who should be allowed to perform at full potential academically, emotionally, and socially regardless of race, gender, ethnic or social background, religious beliefs, or ability.

Altha Public School believes that a caring relationship between teachers and students is vital to ensure the success of every child.

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# Parent and Family Involvement Guide



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Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader.



Parent and Family Engagement

#### **Research Shows**:

When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to perform better in school, stay in school longer, and enjoy school more.

### Parent and Family Engagement

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, twoway, and meaningful communication that involves student learning and other school related activities.

#### Ways to be Involved

- **Communicate**: Keep in touch with your child's teacher through telephone, email, conferences, Parent Square and other various social media avenues.
- **Be an example**: Show your child that education is important by attending events, reading at home, and showing support for his/her progress in school.
- Learn: How to help your child with class work, homework, and future educational plans.
- Get Involved: Join or participate in School Advisory Council meetings and other parent/school organizations.

Parent and Family Engagement Plan is accessible on the school website.

# **Title I**

Title 1 is a federally funded educational program designed to provide supplemental funds to school districts to assist schools in meeting educational goals.

Public law requires that all Title I Schools:

- Hold an annual meeting for parents to inform them of Title I and how it supports students' education.
- Involve parents in developing and revising the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact.
- Provide trainings and workshops to build capacity with parents and staff to raise student achievement and encourage parent participation in students' education.
- Utilize a percentage of Title I funds to support the Parent and Family Engagement program. The School Advisory Council provides input in determining how the funds are utilized.

# **Building Capacity**

Altha School hosts events to build the capacity of parents to help their children at home. The goal of each activity is to assist parents in understanding the state's challenging academic standards.

## **School Advisory Council**

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a school based group that shares the responsibility for supporting the school's continuous improvement through the implementation of a School Improvement Plan (SIP). The SAC:

- Provides input on how Title I funds are used on Parent and Family Involvement at the school.
- Provides input in writing the Parent and Family Involvement Plan.
- Recommends programs and activities that will build capacity in the school and improve parent participation.
- Reviews the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Involvement plan annually.

# **School-Parent Compact**

The School-Parent Compact is a written agreement...

- That describes the shared responsibility of parents and families, school staff, and students for improved student achievement.
- That stresses the importance of frequent two-way communication between home and school.
- That affirms the importance of parents and families in decisions related to their student's education.
- Is reviewed, revised, and signed each year by parents and school staff.