What is Title I?
Indian Creek Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?
This policy describes how Indian Creek will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Indian Creek values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Indian Creek will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed?
Indian Creek welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. All parents are invited and welcome to provide feedback throughout the year as well as the Title I Revision meeting that was held at the end of the school year. In this meeting, parents and teachers discussed, reviewed and gave input to revise this School Parent Family and Engagement Policy, the Title I School-wide Plan, School-Parent Compact, Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP), 1% Budget Allocation of Funds, and District Parental Involvement Policy. The policy is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual online survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our Parent Involvement meetings throughout the year. Indian Creek holds quarterly Parent and Family meetings where parents can give feedback on this policy. All feedback received throughout the year will be used to revise the policy for next school year.

Who is it for?
Indian Creek has a Title I school wide program. All students and their families at Indian Creek are encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. ICMS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?
At the beginning of the year, the plan will be given to all students in their Title I information packets. The plan will be available at all Parent Involvement meetings and parent and teacher conferences throughout the school year. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the school website. A translated version will be available at Title I meetings and upon request.
Newton County School Goals
The mission of Newton County Schools is to provide educational excellence to all students. Our goal is increased student achievement.

2019-20 School Goals
ICMS Math School Goal
Increase student performance on the Math GA Milestones in grades 6-8, by 3%, by the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

ICMS Reading School Goal
Increase student performance on the ELA GA Milestones in grades 6-8, by 3%, by the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

School-Parent Compacts
As part of this plan, Indian Creek and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Parent Involvement meetings and parent teacher conferences. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child’s teacher if parents need another copy.

Parent Engagement Program and Activities
Indian Creek will host multiple events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community. Parents will be informed of these events via flyers, emails, texts, school messengers, the school website, and the school marquee. We will offer these meetings at flexible times of the day, week, and year. Indian Creek will provide opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children to attend.

Title I Annual Parent Orientation Meeting August 22, 2019
Parents will develop an understanding of the Title I program, Title I Funding, and Title I Parent Involvement Activities. The Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance Act, the Title I Parent Involvement Policy, and School-Parent Compact will be addressed.

Math Family Night September 5, 2019
Teachers will model math strategies with hands-on activities that parents can use at home to increase student achievement. Each grade level will focus on first semester math concepts that align with the curriculum standards.

Parent-Teacher Conferences September 13, 2019
Families and teachers will have the opportunity to discuss students’ progress as well as address the School-Parent Compact and Parent Policy.

Literacy Family Night October 3, 2019
Families will participate in interactive activities to learn comprehension strategies that support reading development. ELA and Social Studies teachers will model strategies that parents can use at home to support academic success. A variety of resources will be shared with families.

Parent-Teacher Conferences February 7, 2020
Families and teachers will have the opportunity to discuss students’ progress as well as address the School-Parent Compact and Parent Policy.

Annual Title I Stakeholders’ Input and Revision Meeting March 5, 2020
Parents will review and provide feedback to revise the School & District Parent Family and Engagement Policies, the Title I School-wide Plan, School-Parent Compact, Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP), ways to build staff capacity, and 1% Budget Allocation of Funds for 2020-2021.
Parent Resource Center
Come visit our Parent Resource Center to check out books, manipulatives, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.
Monday – Friday, 8:45 am – 3:45 pm

Parental Involvement
At Indian Creek, parental involvement includes meaningful communication between parents, teachers, and students. Communication addresses student performance, academic achievement, upcoming school activities, and ensures

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Indian Creek is committed to supporting our parents and families. Please call or email us if you have any questions about the activities listed in this policy.
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Building Capacity
In order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement, Indian Creek Middle School will…

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs are posted on the school website and communicated to parents through flyers, emails, texts, social media, and the school messenger.
- Provide assistance with Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) access for monitoring student progress and through frequent progress reports.
- Provide learning opportunities for parents through Parent and Family Engagement Workshops (including the harms of copyright piracy) that are linked to learning and tailored to meet the specific grade-level needs in the efforts to prepare their students for academic success.
- Have available materials and resources for parents at conference and parent and family engagement meetings to help parents work with their students to improve their academic achievement.
- The school will provide parents information on parent and family engagement from their website. Newsletters are parent resources are provided including educational websites in both English and Spanish.
- Build staff capacity to work with parents as equal partners by sharing best practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with elementary and high schools to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their student for middle and high school transitions.
- Invite parents to the Parent Resource Center located in the Front Office. Families will be able to check out educational materials to use at home with their students.
- Provide information (including flyers, brochures, and parent notices) related to school and parent programs in English and Spanish.
- Listen and respond to parents’ requests for additional support for Parent and Family Engagement activities.
- Provide parents opportunities to provide feedback through surveys and Title I Parent Involvement Policy and Compact revision meetings.
Parent Publications

These publications offer research-based strategies on an array of school success topics. We encourage you to visit the links below to access the Parents Still Make the Difference Newsletter and the Middle School Parent Pointers. These helpful documents are available in English and Spanish.

Parents Still Make the Difference (English and Spanish)

Middle School Parent Pointers (English and Spanish)

Multiple Opportunities for Input

Indian Creek will provide several opportunities for parents and families to give input on the effectiveness of the Title I Program. Parents can access our Title Schoolwide Plan, The Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact on our school’s website. These documents are also located in our parent resource room located in the Media Center Conference room.

Measures of Effectiveness

- Parent Meeting Evaluation—to gather feedback from the parents to evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting and to gain insight on parent academic support for future meetings.
- Parent Survey Data—to gain insight on ICMS effectiveness in meeting the needs of parents in various areas such as technology, parent workshop topics, and school climate so that we can create an environment that meets the needs of all parents and families.
- Revision and Development Stakeholders Meeting: to give all stakeholders the opportunity to give input to build the effectiveness on:
  - Parent and Family Engagement Policy-School and District
  - School-Parent Compact
  - Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP)
  - Title I Schoolwide Plan
  - Building Staff Capacity
  - Parent Involvement 1% Funding

Student Outcomes: to access if strategies and activities, as outlined on the school parent compacts, are effectively impacting student achievement.

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students’ and the school’s goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _______________________________________________________

Telephone Number: (optional) __________________________________________

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