



GENE PIKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PIKE PANTHERS

**Gene Pike Middle School
Parent Involvement Policy
2019-2020**

Mission Statement

At Gene Pike School, we strive to...

- *Create a safe environment that fosters accountability and nurtures respectful attitudes and a spirit of distinction among students, staff, and community.*
- *Maintain a challenging curriculum to stimulate academic, social, and personal growth while addressing the varied needs of a successful community of learners.*

Purpose:

The purpose of Title 1 is to improve the basic programs of Gene Pike Middle School and to provide opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge and skills contained in the state content standards (Texas essential Knowledge and Skills- TEKS) and other stated goals of our campus. Districts receiving Title 1, Part A funds must implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Title 1 program. A written parental involvement policy must be developed and agreed upon jointly with parents and distributed to parents. Parental involvement is required as one of the components of the school-wide Title 1 program. Title 1 funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation, childcare or home visit expenses to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.

Participants:

A site-based decision making (SBDM) team, consisting of parents, elected and appointed teachers, business members, and community members meet regularly to jointly develop the campus Parent Involvement Policy. Parent members are chosen from school volunteers who are willing to give this time and service to the campus.

Parent Involvement Opportunities:

- Each year a school/parent/student compact is developed by the SBDM. The compact describes the responsibilities of the school, the students, and the parents to improved student performance and the means by which to do so. Each parent is given a copy of the compact detailing the responsibilities of all parties to help students accomplish their goals.
- Parent conferences are conducted throughout the year. Five separate evenings have been set aside specifically for parent/teacher conferences and all parents are encouraged to participate in at least one face-to-face conference per school year.
- Parents are invited to attend special programs or activities presented by staff and students.
- Parents are invited to attend programs and activities offering training and information to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement. Training will include various topics such as how to access and monitor student grades and how to navigate through teacher's Moodle pages.
- Parents are invited to open meetings with the principal.
- A parent seminar series will be provided throughout the school year. The seminar series gives the staff an opportunity to present relevant information to parents in a small group setting based on their individual needs or interests.
- Parents are invited to mentor students and be active participants in such programs that promote students' safety and citizenship.

- Parents are sent a campus survey in the spring to solicit feedback and ideas on the future development of campus needs and programs.

Parents have the opportunity to stay informed and communicate with the staff. The documents listed below provide important information for all parents.

- Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook
- Student-Parent-Staff Compact
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Gene Pike Middle School Website
- Utilizing two-way lines of communication between parents and the Gene Pike staff on instruction, achievement, and conduct of their children
- Social Media
- Teachers' Websites, Moodle Pages, & Emails
- Constant Contact Newsletters
- School Messenger
- Parent Curriculum Night

Title 1 Parent Meetings:

Gene Pike Middle School will host an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in the Title 1 programs and the requirements, as well as the parents' right to be involved.

Evaluation:

The Gene Pike Middle School SBDM committee will review and evaluate all aspects of the parent involvement program. Parents will be surveyed about the effectiveness of the program and offer suggestions for improvement. The evaluation procedure will include assessments of current programs and well as recommendations for the improvement in emergent areas.