Los Angeles Unified School District

Palms Middle School
10660 Woodbine Street
Los Angeles, CA 90034
Tel: (310) 253-7600
Fax: (310) 599-0397
www.palmsmiddleschool.org
Challenge the Mind, Inspire the Spirit

Parental Involvement Policy

This form can also be found on the Palms Middle School website.

Parental Involvement Policy: Palms Middle School has jointly developed with the parents of participating students through our ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) and SSC (School Site Council) the following written Title I parental involvement policy. The policy has been agreed on by parents/teachers/staff on ELAC and SSC and describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements and is distributed to all parents through the mail: [20 USC 6318 Section 1118 (a) – (f)].

To involve parents in the Title I program at Palms Middle School, the following practices have been established:

- Palms Middle School will hold an annual parent meeting each August/September to inform parents of the Parent Involvement Policy, their rights under Title I, and how they can be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I programs in the school. (20 USC 6318[e][1])
- Palms Middle School will be flexible as to meeting times to encourage broad parent involvement. (20 USC 6318[e][2])
- Palms Middle School will involve parents in planning, reviewing, and improvement of programs through regularly scheduled School Site Council, English Learner Advisory Committee, and annual parent surveys. (20 USC 6318[e][3])
- Palms Middle School will provide parents with timely information regarding curriculum, assessments, and expectations for student achievement through the use of the Palms newsletter, emails, website, Back to School Night, Open House, and parent conferences. (20 USC 6318[e][4][A] (20 USC 6318[e][4][B])
- Parents may submit a letter to the school if they are not satisfied with the Single Plan for Student Achievement. (20 USC 6318[c][4][C])
- Palms Middle School provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children through parent conferences, ELAC, SSC, Friends of Palms, parent workshops (changing graduation requirements, school report card, Camp Palms, college awareness – two in the Fall and two in the Spring) etc. (20 USC 6318[c][4][C])
- Palms Middle School will provide parents with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet at parent meetings. Open House, Back to School Night, and parent conferences.

Compact or High Student Academic Achievement: Palms Middle School distributes to all parents a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student’s academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the Common Core high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents:

- Provide and support a high-quality curriculum and instruction aligned to the adopted Common Core Standards.
- Ensure a safe, supportive, effective and orderly learning environment at home and school.
- Utilize intervention services for students who are performing below benchmarks.
- Maintain frequent, on-going communication through student planners, newsletters, emails, classroom visitation and participation in their child’s class, Back to School Night, Open House, parent conferences, reports on student progress, and reasonable access to staff.
- Support school’s Code of Conduct.
- Discuss school work and progress regularly.
- Students will read daily and limit TV watching, recreational use of the Internet and use of electronic games.
- Students will be responsible for their learning by coming to school prepared and actively participate in all learning activities.
- Palms Middle School will provide appropriate training for teachers, staff, and parents.
- Palms Middle School welcomes and encourages volunteers by contacting the Friends of Palms.

Building Capacity for Involvement: Palms Middle School engages all parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices:

- Palms Middle School will assist parents to understand topics such as state/local assessments, content and achievement standards, how to monitor their child’s progress, and working with educators to improve their child’s achievement through parent conferences, workshops, and ELAC/SSC meetings. (20 USC 6318[e][1])
- Palms Middle School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their child by holding parent workshops in Literacy, Math, English Language Development and other topics yearly. (20 USC 6318[e][2])
- Palms Middle School will provide professional development for the entire staff with the assistance of parents to develop collaboration with parents as partners in their child’s education throughout the school year (Common Core Standards, SDAIE, Standard Based Project, Reflection on Instruction, Data Analysis, Differentiation of Instruction, Content Related Pedagogy, Standards for Mathematical Practices, Improving Attendance, and Positive Behavior Support Plan). (20 USC 6318[e][3])
- Palms Middle School will provide and support parent and family involvement activities as determined by Advisory Committees/Councils and Friends of Palms (monthly), the Magnet/SAS program, parent center, and parent surveys. (20 USC 6318[e][4])
- Palms Middle School will provide information and reports to parents in a format and, when possible, in a language that parents understand through newsletters and translated phone calls. (20 USC 6318[e][5])
- Palms Middle School will provide reasonable support for parental involvement when requested by parents. (20 USC 6318[e][14])

Accessibility:

- Palms Middle School will, to the extent practicable, provide opportunities for participation by all parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, Title I parents, homeless, and migrant parents. This includes providing information and school reports in a format and, when possible, in a language parents understand. (20 USC 6318[b][1][2][3][c][3])

Adoption: Palms Middle School’s Parent Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents/teachers/staff, and approved by School Site Council. This policy was adopted by Palms Middle School on Friday, October 14, 2016 and will be in effect for the 2016-2017 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of students at Palms Middle School before or at the end of December 2016. It will be made available to the local community before or at the end of December 2016. The Palms Middle School’s notification to parents of this policy will be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided to parents in a language they can understand.

Principal Signature
Date
School Site Chairperson
Date