

## THURGOOD MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

At Thurgood Marshall Middle School, we are committed to provide a flexible number of meetings to engage parents in order to increase student achievement. In order to build the bridge between home and school, we have a variety of opportunities for parents to become involved within their students' education. We have monthly meetings scheduled for the parent groups such as School Site Council (SSC), Site Governance Team (SGT), and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Topics covered during the meetings will include but are not limited to:

- Improving communication between school and home
- Providing strategies for parents to assist students with projects and homework
- Discussing current student assessment data and student progress
- Providing information about school and district resources for student academic improvement
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the school's parent involvement policy to increase parent involvement
- Evaluating the instructional program at Thurgood Marshall Middle School
- Conferring with teachers
- Reviewing the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)
- Understanding the MMS and district budgets
- Incorporating more parent volunteers at school and/or in the classroom
- Finding fundraisers to help support Thurgood Marshall Middle School

Parental input from the parent meetings will be shared with the SSC to provide an organized, ongoing, timely way of involving parents in the planning, review and decision making for improvement of the MMS instructional program. We have the following parent meetings throughout the school year:

- Back to School Night
- GATE parent meeting
- Four year planning meeting
- Open House
- New Student/Parent Orientation meetings
- Parent Tours for prospective parents
- Student Study Team meetings (*upon request*)

The Thurgood Marshall Middle parent newsletter, The Stampede, provides useful information regarding how to support our middle school students. In the newsletter, we announce all pertinent meetings and events that are happening around campus so parents have this useful information. The Stampede is posted online and emailed home for parents with Internet access. For parents without Internet access, The Stampede is mailed home. Along with sending The Stampede, at MMS we distribute student progress reports every six weeks to students in order to inform parents of their students' progress towards academic achievement.

We encourage parents to visit the Thurgood Marshall Middle School website at <http://marshallmiddle.org> for important dates and information. We have a variety of ways to support parents to know about their student's progress such as homework notification via our website, ParentConnection and many other ways.

During parent meetings, opportunities will be provided for parental suggestions. These suggestions will be reviewed in a timely fashion, and if possible, responses will be given by the next scheduled meeting. Topics that are appropriate for SSC review/action will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting by the school administration. Parents have the opportunity to submit items to the administrative assistant to be placed on the SSC and/or SGT agendas.

Our MMS parents are notified annually of their individual student's assessment results by the Research Evaluation Department and Testing Department. We encourage parents to contact our counseling department or administration if they need assistance in understanding and analyzing their student's progress on the California Standards Tests.