



<p><b>Title I</b> Parent and Family Engagement Polk County Public Schools</p> 	<h1>2018-2019 Polk County Public TITLE I Schools</h1>		
<h2>Southwest Middle School</h2> <h3>School Compact for Learning</h3>			
<p>District and School-based Title I Parent and Family Engagement Programs in Polk County Public Schools will strive to <b>BUILD RELATIONSHIPS</b> in order to create real family engagement for <b>every</b> child, every family, <b>every</b> teacher, <b>every</b> day.</p>			
<p>This compact outlines how the parents/family, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. By linking learning, the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help our students achieve the state's high standards for the school year.</p>			
<p><b>We will support learning in the following ways;</b></p>	<p><b>Staff Responsibilities</b></p>	<p><b>Parent/Family Responsibilities</b></p>	<p><b>Student Responsibilities</b></p>
<p><b>Curriculum- High Academics</b></p>	<p>Provide high quality instruction through research based practices. Increase student achievement through differentiated instruction. Provide a supportive, safe, and effective learning environment.</p>	<p>Support your child's academic progress through encouragement and expectations. Seek help and guidance from your child's school for assistance with assignments and projects. Work cooperatively with school staff and the district.</p>	<p>Strive for academic success by participating in each of your classes. Attend school regularly and on time. Put forth effort in all that you do. Read EVERY day. Come to school prepared to learn with a positive attitude.</p>
<p><b>Monitoring Student Progress</b></p>	<p>Frequently communicate student progress through interim reports, testing data, report cards, and parent conferences. Ensure grades are entered in a timely manner that allows parents the ability to monitor progress through the parent portal.</p>	<p>Monitor your child's progress in school regularly by contacting staff, scheduling conferences, and using the parent portal. <a href="http://parent.mypolkschools.net">http://parent.mypolkschools.net</a></p>	<p>Monitor grades, attendance, and discipline records through the student portal. Ensure parents/guardians are informed by showing them interim reports, report cards, and any other type of parent communication given by the school.</p>
<p><b>Partnership - Be Involved</b></p>	<p>Encourage families to participate in school based activities and workshops, as well as volunteering on committees, such as: SAC and PTA. Host activities that gives parents strategies and resources to use at home.</p>	<p>Participate in decision making about your child's education by volunteering time on parent committees, attending workshops &amp; parent nights. Show positive support for your child's school, teachers, administration, and other staff members.</p>	<p>Set personal goals to improve school work, maintain a positive attitude, and try your best to succeed. Complete all assignments and homework on time. Communicate with teachers, ask for help when needed, and take responsibility for your own education.</p>
<p><b>Communication - Stay Informed</b></p>	<p>Engage in frequent communication through phone calls, emails, Remind messages, flyers, newsletters, and the school website to keep families updated with important news regarding the school and/or students.</p>	<p>Expect to receive communication from the school through flyers, phone calls, emails, newsletters, and the website. Ensure that all contact information is current. Maintain an open line of communication between the home and school.</p>	<p>Share all parent communications (letters, grade reports, forms) with your family. Return your forms on time.</p>
<p><b>Learning Environment</b></p>	<p>Provide a safe, supportive environment that is conducive to learning that encourages all students to do their best.</p>	<p>Demonstrate the importance of education by ensuring that your child attends school regularly, is on time, and complies with all rules and policies. Set high expectations for their academic achievement. Talk to your child about what they are doing at school.</p>	<p>Respect yourself, others, and the school by displaying your best behavior with a positive attitude. Come to school on time and ready to learn. Set high expectations for yourself and your education. <b>Strive to be the best YOU that you can be!</b></p>
<p>Please visit our school's website for additional information, including curriculum and instruction; test dates; staff contact information; Title 1 resources; and other important dates. <b><a href="http://swms.polk-fl.net/">http://swms.polk-fl.net/</a></b> If you do not have access to our website please visit the front office for printed information or call the front office at: <b>(863) 499-2840</b></p>		<p>Visit the <a href="http://www.polk-fl.net">www.polk-fl.net</a> website for important information. (Type in the keyword in the search box.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PARENT PORTAL</li> <li>• VOLUNTEERING</li> <li>• PARENT CENTERS or PARENT UNIVERSITY</li> <li>• FLORIDA STANDARDS</li> <li>• TESTING</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2018-2019 Important Dates</b></p> <p><b>Interim Reports:</b> September 12, November 16, February 11, &amp; April 30</p> <p><b>Report Cards:</b> October 29, January 18, &amp; April 5</p> <p><b>Family Nights:</b> Please check the SWMS websites for dates! TBA</p>

