

To all of our Title I Families,

Thank you for taking the time to read this summary of your school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The complete school plan and school Compact are available to you on the school's website and in the Parent Engagement Notebook in the front office.

The District's Parent and Family Engagement Plan and summary are also available in your school's Parent Engagement Notebook, on the school website and on [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net).

All plan summaries are available in Spanish and Haitian-Creole: if feasible, other languages may be available upon request.

If you are interested in being on the committee to review and evaluate your school's plan and Compact, please contact your school administrator or Title I school contact.

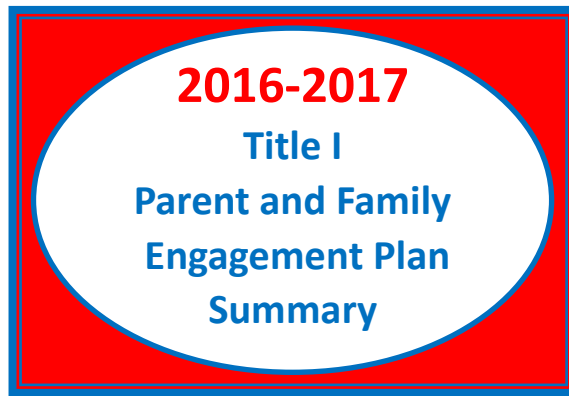
If you are interested in being on the District's committee to review the District Plan and summary please visit the Title I/Parent and Page on the [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) website.

Your input is very important to us.

Thank you.

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Visit the **Title I** page on the [WWW.POLK-FL.NET](http://WWW.POLK-FL.NET) website for important information.



## Southwest Middle School

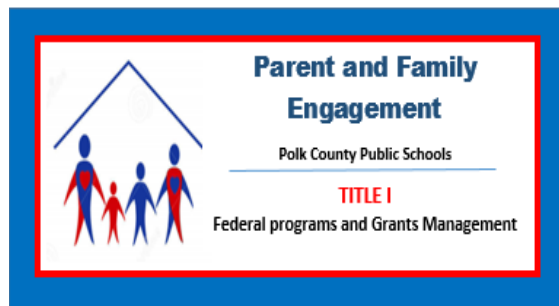
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### **District Mission Statement:**

To provide high quality education for all students.  
Every child, every possibility.

### **School Vision/Mission Statement**

To provide the maximize learning potential for all students by increasing family engagement through ongoing communication, high expectations, and activities that build capacity.

### **Title I Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement**

District and School-based Title I Parent Involvement Programs in Polk County will strive to BUILD RELATIONSHIPS to create **real** family engagement for **every** child, every family, **every** teacher, **every** day.



A copy of the District Parent and Family Engagement Plan and Summary is available on the Polk County Schools website [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net)

### **Report Card Dates:**

November 1, January 26, April 11

### **Interim Report Dates: (sent the week of)**

September 12-16, November 28-December 2,  
February 13-17, May 1-5

### **Early Release dates**

9/14, 10/5, 11/16, 1/25, 2/15, 3/15, 5/17

Visit our school website for full calendar of this school year.

### **Visit your school website for information on:**

- School and District Parent and Family Engagement Plans and plan summaries
- Parent Guide/Code of Conduct
- Compact
- Testing information and school data
- Parent /Family Resource Centers

**The Goal of Title I is to improve student achievement through;** effective classroom instruction, parent and family engagement, and professional development.

**Parent and Family Engagement** means the participation of parents/families in regular, two-way meaningful communication with the school and staff involving student academic learning and other school activities.

### **Parents have the right to know:**

- The professional qualifications of the student's teachers and paraprofessionals
- If their child has been assigned to or taught for 4 weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified
- The level of achievement of their child on state academic assessments
- Description of the school's curriculum and information about the academic assessments and proficiency standards
- School and district parent involvement policies and plans and summaries
- Specific information about the schools Title I program and opportunities to become involved in their child's education
- School-parent compact. The compact must be referenced with elementary aged students during a parent conference

### **Please visit**

**Title I Parent Involvement website:**  
[www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net)  
Departments>Title I>Parent Involvement



### School's History & Demographics:

**Built in 1957**, Southwest Middle School has 55 classroom teachers, 2 instructional coaches (literacy & math), 2 instructional interventionists (reading & math), 18 paraprofessionals and 9 other staff.

The enrollment data collected in spring 2016 was 717 students.

Of this total enrollment, 25.1% African-American, 42.8% Caucasian, and 27.2% Hispanic.

### Title I Information:

100% of students receive free and reduced lunch (Community Eligibility Provision—CEP) allowing us to qualify for Federal Assistance through TITLE I.

Based on our Title I budget, \$3235.37 is required to be spent on Parent Involvement. These funds are used for agendas, workshops, Parent Involvement supplies, etc.

Information on free and reduced lunch can be on [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) keyword: nutrition

### Parent /Family Input

Parents and families are given opportunities to provide input through surveys, evaluations, and email.

**In the spring**, parents and family members are invited to attend a meeting and/participate in evaluating the schools current Parent and Family Engagement Plan and Compact.

**In the summer**, parents/family members are invited to participate in the development and revising of the School Improvement Plan.

**In the fall**, the School Advisory Council will approve the revised School Improvement Plan and the Parent and Family Engagement plans.

For information on the District's Title I Parent and Family Resource Centers and Parent University, please visit [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) keywords: PARENT CENTERS or PARENT UNIVERSITY



### Ways families can be involved at our school!

#### Volunteer!

Information about volunteering can be found at [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) (keyword: volunteer)

#### School Advisory Council

Parents and/or family members are encouraged to serve as a member of this Council to build partnerships with the school and promote student success.

#### Community & Business Partners

Please see our school website for a list of our business partners.

#### Attend parent/family workshops & school events.

For a list of our school programs and events please visit our school website.

#### PTA/PTO

Parents and/or family members are encouraged to participate in Southwest's PTA to build partnerships with the school and promote student success.



### Title I Annual Meeting

**At this meeting, parents and families will receive information about Curriculum, the Florida standards, testing, and student progress.**

**In addition, information will be discussed on the School Improvement Plan, the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and the school Compact.**

**Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 (pm) and Wednesday 28, 2016 (am)**

Information about the District's Title I program can be found on the [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) website.

### Family Engagement Workshops

Workshops will be held for parents and family members in the areas of reading, writing, math, and science. Families will be given tools, strategies, and resources to help them work with their child at home in order to help improve academic success.

#### Workshop Dates for this school year.

Family nights will be announced at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.



Please visit our school website for additional information.

### Home School Communication

Specific student assessment information and scores are available from your child's teacher and/or guidance counselor.

Assessment information will be discussed at parent/family conferences. Please contact your child's teacher and/or counselor to schedule a convenient appointment.

#### School or Grade Level Newsletters

Newsletters will be sent home with students on a monthly basis.

#### Parent/Family Conferences

Parent/Family Conferences can be scheduled with your child's teachers through the guidance office at (863) 499-2840.

#### How you can contact your child's teacher

You can contact your child's teachers via email, phone, or setting up a conference through the guidance office at (863) 499-2840.

### Monitoring Student Progress

#### Parent Portal

Accessing your child's student information and grades is as easy as 1-2-3 <https://parent.mypolkschools-net>.

#### Curriculum & Instruction

All subject areas are based on the **Florida Standards**. For more information visit [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org) OR [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net) and search keyword: Florida Standards

#### Assessments

We follow the district's calendar for assessments in Reading, Math, Science, and Writing.

In addition to the district's calendar, student progress will be assessed and monitored using district benchmark assessments, and informal teacher assessments.

#### Testing Information and Dates

Visit our school website for a complete list of testing dates and information on testing.

The District's testing policy and dates for all schools can be found on [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net)  
**Keyword: Testing**

#### School Data and Grades

The most current data can be found on the FLDOE website <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/> Or [www.polk-fl.net](http://www.polk-fl.net)

keyword: school grades

