

# ***Crawford W. Long Middle School***

## **School Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

**2021–2022 School Year**



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### **What is Title I?**

Crawford Long Middle is identified as a Title I School as part of Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA). Title 1 is a Federal program that provides funding to local School Districts to help ensure that all student in District Title I Schools meet the state's high academic standards. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement. Including strategies to support Parents and Family Engagement. All Title I Schools must jointly develop with parents and families Therefore, parents should receive a written School Engagement Plan.

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describes how Crawford Long Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parents' engagement to support students learning. Crawford Long Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goals of improving students' achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Crawford Long Middle School will support parents' engagement and how parents can be involved.

### **How is it revised?**

Crawford Long Middle will involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the comprehensive School-Plan Program by offering all parents an opportunity to come to a planning meeting at the beginning of the school year. We will update the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Parents of participating students will be provided with copies, as well as copies will be available for the local community in both English and Spanish.

### **Who is it for?**

All parents at Crawford Long Middle School are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Crawford Long Middle School will provide full opportunities for ALL parents. This includes parents with students that are limited with speaking English, parents with students that have disabilities and parents of migratory students. We will have a Spanish version of this plan available for all families.

### **Where is it available?**

At the beginning of the year, the Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be available in the following areas: school website, main office area, and in the Parent Center located near the main office. during Title I parent meetings, the plan will be available for parents to review and to provide ongoing feedback.



### **APS District Goals**

Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

### **Long Middle School Goals**

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient/distinguished on the Georgia Milestone in Reading. Focus: Reading Comprehension, Construct Responses, and Writing.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient/distinguished on the Georgia Milestone in Math. Focus: Ratios and proportions; Inequalities, Expression & Equations

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Increase the percentage of students meeting/exceeding standards on the Georgia Milestone in all Science. Focus: Energy; Matter; Force Motion; Waves & Electricity.

## **School-Parent Compact**

As part of this plan, *Crawford Long Middle* and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. This is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all of our students reach grade-level standards. The Compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers at various times during the year. The School-Parent Compact are kept in the Parent Resource Center located in the Main Office.

## **Let us Get Together!**

**Crawford W. Long Middle** will host the following events, workshops and activities to build the capacity for strong Parent Engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student's academic achievements. Parents will be invited to attend these workshops by sending flyers home, posting on school's website and utilizing the Reminder App. In addition, information will be displayed in the main office regarding workshops.

### **First Semester Parent-Family Events and Meetings**

#### **Annual Title I Parent Night & Open House**

√ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing on the topics of a Title I Program, including our Parents and Family Engagement Plan, the School-Parent Compact, and meeting your child's teachers along with the school staff for the year.

#### **Tiger Parent University Academic Workshops**

- The Office of ESOL World Languages
- Tiger Parents Special Education
- Tiger Parent Social and Emotional Learning

### **Second Semester Parent-Family Events and Meetings**

#### **Parent Review of School Parent Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact**

√ Parents will review and provide feedback for School-Parent/Family Compact, and School-parent engagement Plan. This information will be distributed to all parents and students throughout this school year. Also, parents will be invited to attend monthly academic workshops through Tiger Parent University to help parents learn tips and tools in order to assist with student's success.

#### **Tiger Parent University Academic Workshops**

- Tiger Parents All grade level Milestone Testing
- Tiger Transitioning from Elementary, Middle to High School
- Tiger Parents Basic Technology Certification Classes

### ***Parent Resource Center***

***Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your Scholars. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and Educational Resources.***

***Monday – Friday (9:30 am –3:30 pm)***

Effective Parent Engagement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent/teacher conference; Rather it will be an on-going process. Crawford Long Middle committed to helping our parents by maintaining the Parent Resource Center. Please contact our Parent Liaison for additional information:

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### **Parent Engagement**

Crawford W. Long believes that Parent Engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-ways meaningful communications involving Scholar's achievement and other school activities, includes ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their Scholar's learning
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their Scholar's education
- That parents are full partners in their Scholar's education. They are included as appropriate decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their Scholar's

## ***Crawford Long Is Turning Up the Heat!!!***

Crawford Long will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

### **We will:**

- Ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is available in a family friendly language and published in both English and Spanish for all families.
- Provide quarterly trainings for school staff to improve communication with parents and share ideas to increase family engagement at Long Middle.
- The parent liaison will host a Parent Resource Center Open House for all stakeholders to teach them about Title I program and service by providing training. Therefore, a weekly parent contact log will help increase the communication between school and home. In addition, the parent liaison will offer the use of computers in the parent center throughout the school year, to assist parent with finding academic websites and Technology as well.
- Collaborating with all feeder Elementary Schools and High Schools we will offer a transitional workshop to promote a smooth transition for parents and students from one school level to the next.
- Provide on-going workshops to enhance increase parents understanding of the following:
  - School curriculum in each content area
  - State and local assessments
  - Tutorial services available
  - Literacy
  - Technology and much more
- Communication will also include the use of our school's marquee, flyers. Long Middle will also keep all families well-informed of upcoming events and parent workshops by using the school's Robo Calls as an alternate format. Additionally, the parent liaison will offer parents with limited English and parents of migrated students an opportunity to visit the parent resource center to learn to speak English in a fast, easy and fun way through a computer-based program. If services deem necessary, Long Middle will provide parents with disabilities, educational publication and other academic works to support learning at home.

## Parent Engagement Standards

Crawford W. Long and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the School's model in Engaging Parents, Students, and the Community.

### *These Standards are:*

- *Welcoming All Families*
- *Communicating Effectively*
- *Supporting Student Success*
- *Speaking Up for Every Scholar's*
- *Sharing Power*
- *Collaborating with Community*

## Crawford W. Long Go Team

**Crawford W. Long invites all parents to join the Go Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships within the School, Families and Community. The Go Team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities, workshops and meetings; as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more and/or join the Go Team, complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.**



## Crawford W. Long Go Team

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Go Team
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the Go Team
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there are any parts of this Plan that you feel are not satisfactory with the student's and the School goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and return to the Main Office for the Parent Liaison, Ms. Bussey.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments & Suggestions

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