

2019-2020 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Family involvement is a critical factor for student achievement. The family-school connection makes an significant difference in the social, cultural, emotional, and academic growth of our students. Family involvement yields huge contributions to educators, administrators, and our children while building a bridge between home and school that establishes a strong partnership that can be advantageous for the entire learning community.

Notification of Title I Participation:

Nandua Middle School will take the following actions to distribute the Parent and Family Engagement Policy to parents of participating children and the local community:

Distribution of the Nandua Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy:

- The current NMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy is reviewed in the spring of each year. Announcement of this open meeting is found on the NMS Calendar of Events, the NMS Website, and included as an addendum to the Parent-Student Handbook. The open meeting for comment in the preparation of the **2020-2021 Parent and Family Engagement Policy is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020**, at 4:00 p.m. to enable interested participants to comment. The NMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the NMS Website not later than **Wednesday, August 28, 2019** for public accessibility.
- Homeroom teachers will send the Parent and Family Engagement Policy home as an addendum to the Parent Handbook **with the students on Tuesday, September 3, 2019**, to be reviewed, discussed, and acknowledged. The **signed acknowledgment statement** will be returned back to the homeroom teachers not later than **Monday, September 16, 2019**.
- The NMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be made available and discussed with parents at the **NMS Back to School Night Event scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2019**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. along with a Title I Overview Presentation.
- The NMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be made available to new parents enrolling their child or children through the Guidance Office at the time of enrollment.
- Notes of changes to the NMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be maintained throughout the year by the Reading Specialist as they are made known to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- The responsibility of collecting input, engaging in preparation discussions, and developing the NMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy lies with the Title I Reading Specialist.
- The NMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy is reviewed annually in the spring with the next scheduled **review to be conducted at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2020**, along with review and approval by the principal and assistant principal. The entire revised policy is sent to the Central Office Title I Coordinator and the Director of Federal Programs for feedback and approval. Approval and feedback for the **2019-2020 Parent and Family Engagement Policy is expected to be sent to Central Office personnel not later than Thursday, June 7, 2019**, with **anticipated feedback and approval received not later than Friday, June 28, 2019**.

- Suggestions, changes, or corrections noted after the publication of the policy should be sent to john.killmon@accomack.k12.va.us
- An Introduction to Title I, Part A will be shared with parents at the **Back to School Night scheduled on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.** based on the **slide presentation** provided by the **Title I Coordinator from Central Office.**

Meetings and Workshops Designed to Promote Parental Involvement in an effort to Enhance Student Achievement.

- Additionally, a list of names will be compiled at the **Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, of individuals interested in joining the Nandua Middle School Title I Parent and Community Advisory Council for 2019-2020.** Parents interested in joining the Advisory Council are also encouraged to contact the school principal, Mr. John Killmon, at john.killmon@accomackk12.va.us
- At the **Back to School Night scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2019** solicitation for at least **one parent from each grade level to represent our school will occur.** These members will meet twice annually with those dates announced to them as soon as they can be confirmed. These members are encouraged to frequently visit our NMS campus and interact with principals and staff.
- Meetings and/or workshops that are scheduled for **2019.2020 are published in the NMS Calendar of Events, Parent Handbook Supplement, NMS Website,** published reminders, and ROBO calls. The scheduled dates are subject to change if deemed necessary and are announced **when confirmed. Topics for 2019.2020 workshops will be selected based on the results of the 2018-2019 Parent Surveys.** The Parent Surveys are distributed with the **third report card in the spring of each year.** For planning purposes, they are collected, reviewed, and tallied by the Reading Specialist, reviewed with the principal and assistant-principal, and then forwarded to the Title I Coordinator at Central Office.

Note: Other **events will be announced when confirmed.** Families are notified of NMS events by the Calendar of Events, Flyers, Written Reminders, NMS Website, and ROBO calls. **All events are subject to change.**

School-Parent Compact:

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education ACT (ESEA) Title I, Part A has been restructured to serve as a means for helping **ALL** students to achieve challenging academic standards. To accomplish this objective, this Act promotes the formation of new partnerships, particularly home-school partnerships and school-community relationships that will help address more completely the full range of student needs that impact learning. Nandua Middle School will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its School Family Involvement Policy and will provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and to the most practical extent, as requested in a native language that parents can understand.

- Homeroom teachers will send the **School-Student-Parent Compact home as an addendum to the Parent Handbook with the students on Tuesday, September 3, 2019,** to be reviewed, discussed, and acknowledged. **The signed acknowledgment statement** will be returned back to the homeroom teachers not later than **Monday, September 16, 2019.**
- The **NMS Student-Parent Compact will be made available and discussed** with parents at the NMS Back to School Night Event scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019..**
- The NMS Student-Parent Compact will be made available to new parents enrolling their child or children through the Guidance Office at the time of enrollment.
- Notes of changes to the NMS Student-Parent Compact will be maintained throughout the year by the Reading Specialist as they are made known to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

Responsibilities for High Academic Achievement:

Nandua Middle School will build a capacity for strong parental involvement in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the learning community of parents, students, teachers, administrators, and the local community. Family Nights and Parent Trainings are based on the results of parental surveys, etc. In addition, there is parental access to school websites which has links to the state websites for SOL academic standards. Upon request, literature, guides, pamphlets, leaflets, and handouts for parents are provided through the Guidance Office and directly with the Title I Reading Specialist

Other Assistance:

Parental assistance will be provided as needed and/or requested through conferences, meetings, and /or information to parents of all students to help parents understand such areas as:

- National Educational Goals and Virginia Standards of Learning
- School Improvement and Corrective Action process, if applicable
- Components of a School wide Title I Program
- State and local assessments
- Requirements of Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Every Student Succeeds Act
- Virginia Department of Education

Other Opportunities:

Theater, Chorus, and Band Performances
Science Fair (Eastern Shore Community College) & Competition with AMS
Student Recognition
Robotics
Art Displays
Drama Performances
Various Writing Essay Contests Sponsored by the Community
Star Brave Student Recognition
Honor Roll Student Recognition
Corporate Sponsored Chapters for Chocolate
Community Faith Based Sponsored At Home/School Reading Program
Character Education
Brave Scholar Program
Box Top Program
Media Specialist Accelerated Reading Rewards Program
Field Trips Supporting Literature and Science
Academic Challenge
Academic Events
Sporting Events

Transportation and Child Care

NMS families needing transportation and/or childcare to attend NMS events designed to promote family engagement should contact the Assistant Principal at 757-787-7037 **at least one week in ADVANCE** of the event for arrangements.

Family & Parent Resource Center

Available resources to families upon request from the NMS Title I Reading Specialist by calling 757-787-7037.

Community Business Partners

Eastern Shore Rural Health
Eastern Shore Rural Health Dental
Eastern Shore Soil & Water Conservation District

2019-2020 Title I Parent Advisory/Title I Superintendent's Advisory Team/NMS School Improvement Team

Parents are encouraged to consider serving as a grade level representative. Contact J. Killmon at john.killmon@accomack.k12.va.us or the NMS Reading Specialist if interested.

- Grade 6 Representative: **TBA**
- Grade 7 Representative: **TBA**
- Grade 8 Representative: **TBA**

These representatives will meet with the Title I Coordinator and the Director of Federal Programs at two scheduled meetings occurring in October and February with time and place to be announced upon confirmation. Also, these representatives will be a part of the Accomack County Superintendent's Advisory Team with meeting dates to be announced. In addition, these representatives will be invited to participate and comment on the School Improvement Plan. They will be advised of the meeting dates and time when these dates have been confirmed.

Nandua Middle School At Home/School Reading Program:

The NMS At Home/School Reading Program is designed to promote reading and research from a reliable online source along with the encouragement of self-thought, discussion, and the acquisition of general knowledge. Topics are chosen that will stimulate a student's interest in hopes that students will explore it more in depth through independent reading. The reading calendars are designed for grade 6, 7, & 8 with SOL theme related content. The calendar extends from September to April with one month assigned per semester to each core subject. Topics are read daily with our morning announcements by the guidance counselor. In addition, our media specialist often provides a related power point that runs continuously through the day relating to the topic. The Reading Specialist develops the topics and provides the calendars to all students. The NMS Reading Calendar is also published on the NMS website. Monthly results are announced by the guidance counselor to the study body. **2019-2020 will be the beginning of the eighth year for this positive endeavor.** Upon request, statistical data is available for the NMS At Home/School Reading Program. This program is coordinated by the Title I Reading Teacher at Nandua Middle School.

Chincoteague Field Station

The Chincoteague Field Station is the sponsor for NMS students visiting the Watershed Festival on the Eastern Shore. Students are involved in activities that increase their knowledge of the Water Sheds that feed to the Chesapeake Bay. This event is conducted in the fall when the sixth grade students are studying about the Chesapeake Bay Watersheds and it reinforces that knowledge for the Standards of Learning. This event is coordinated the science teachers at Nandua Middle School.

Eastern Shore Soil & Water Conservation District

The Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District promotes an awareness and appreciation of the Eastern Shore environment. Students at Nandua Middle School participate in this worthy event with a poster submission. This event is available for students in grade six, seven, and eight. The event is normally held in April of each year. This event is coordinated by Mrs. Clark, the art teacher, at Nandua Middle School.

Eastern Shore Community Art Show Festival

The Eastern Shore Community Art Show Festival is held in May and participating students from Nandua Middle School are invited to submit their own personal art exhibits. This festival promotes an appreciation for art. It is coordinated by Mrs. Clark, the art teacher, at Nandua Middle School.

The Great Food Truck Race

The Nandua Middle School Great Food Truck Race is an event that covers skills across the curriculum for students in grade seven and an opportunity to become knowledgeable of the food services industry especially those located on the Eastern Shore and gain insight into possible career choices for this industry. This event is held in November of each year. It is a coordinated effort by the sponsors, Mrs. Kidwell, FACS, and Mrs. Clark, Art. Community leaders and the Eastern Shore Post reporters are invited to judge.

The American Sewing Guild

The Nandua Middle School American Sewing Guild is an event that provides students with reading directions, basic sewing skills, meeting deadlines, and the opportunity to compete. The Virginia Beach American Sewing Guild have made significant contributions of sewing materials to Nandua Middle School in recent years. The Virginia Beach Sewing American Sewing Guild and Mrs. Kidwell, FACS, are the coordinators of this effort.

Sewing for Charity

Students in Mrs. Kidwell's classes at Nandua Middle School will be sewing for charity as a community service project. They will create and sew bed caddies for hospital patients. This endeavor will teach them to read, follow directions, utilize time management, and meet a deadline. Mrs. Kidwell, FACS, is the coordinator of this event.

Nandua Middle School Rock Garden

Students at Nandua Middle School have created a rock garden which offers a place of decompression and a place for stress relief. Even, the Virginia Secretary of Education contributed a rock to the garden. The garden is located near the softball area and students may invite their extended families to visit. Mrs. Clark, the art teacher, is the coordinator of this event.

Exclusive Sixth Grade Orientation

This event is held prior to the county scheduled Open House exclusively for Grade Six Students. It provides an opportunity for the students to transition and familiarize with Nandua Middle School. Parents and students are offered administrative services, guidance services, health services, and a time to attend each of the student's classes. This event is coordinated by Ms. Ferguson, the NMS Guidance Counselor. Please contact Ms. Ferguson for further info. **This event is scheduled exclusively for sixth grade and will be held on Monday, August 26, 2019 from 5:30-8:00.**

School Responsibilities:

As teachers, staff, and administrators at Nandua Middle School, agree to assume responsibilities that will provide excellence in education and encourage the best from our students. These responsibilities are clearly outlined in the aforementioned Nandua Middle School Student Parent Compact.

Parental Responsibilities:

Parents are a vital link in the educational achievement of their children. Parental responsibility in the Nandua Middle School Family Involvement Plan are specifically identified in the aforementioned Nandua Middle School Student-Parent Compact.

Student Responsibilities:

In order to obtain high academic achievement, student responsibilities are clearly stated in the aforementioned Nandua Middle School Student-Parent Compact.

Nandua Middle School 2019.2010 Calendar of Events

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Note: All events and times are subject to change. Other activities and events may be added as they are announced.

| Day | Date | Time | Event |
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| | August 12 th -19 th | | New Teacher Academy (AMS) |
| Tues. | August 20 th | | All Teachers Report to School |
| Wed. | August 21 st | TBA | Division-wide Opening Day Program (All Teachers) NHS |
| | August 22-29 | | Professional Development Days |
| Mon. | August 26 th | 5:30-8700 | Nandua Middle School 6 th Grade Orientation |
| Wed. | August 28 th | | NMS Parent Plan Posted to NMS Website |
| Thur. | August 29 th | 5:30-7:00 | Nandua Middle School Open House (All Grades) |
| Thur. | August 29 th | | Open House for School Employees |
| Fri. | August 30 th | 9:00-11:00 1:00-3:00 | NMS Open House for Parents |
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| Mon. | September 2 nd | | Labor Day: NO SCHOOL |
| Tues. | September 3 rd | | First Day of School – Classes Begin |
| Tues. | September 3 rd | | 2019.2020 Class Syllabus Issued by All NMS Teachers to Parents |
| Tues. | September 3 rd | | September-English-NMS At Home.School Reading Calendar Issued |
| Tues. | September 3 rd | | Parent Engagement Plan/Compact Sent Home to Parents |
| Mon. | September 16 th | | ALL NMS Parental Signatures on Documents Returned to HR Teacher |
| Wed. | September 25 th | 5:30-7:30 | NMS Back to School Night |
| Mon. | September 20 th | | Staff Development Day (TWO HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL) |
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| Mon. | September 30 th | | October-History-NMS.At Home.School Reading Calendar Issued |
| Thur. | October 3 ^d | | Interim Reports Issued |
| Fri. | October 11 th | | Staff Development Day (TWO HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL) |
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| Fri. | November 1 st | | End of First Nine Weeks |
| Mon. | November 4 th | | Teacher Work Day (NO SCHOOL) |
| Tue. | November 5 th | | Staff Development Day : ELECTION DAY: (NO SCHOOL) |
| Wed. | November 6 th | | Begin Second Nine Weeks (Classes Resume) |
| Wed. | November 6 th | | November-Math-NMS At Home.School Reading Calendar Posted |
| Tues. | November 12 th | | First Nine Weeks Report Cards Issued |
| W-F | Nov. 27 th -29 th | | Thanksgiving Holiday (NO SCHOOL) |
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| Mon. | December 2 nd | | Classes Resume |
| Mon. | December 2 nd | | December-Science-NMS At Home.School Reading Calendar Issued |
| Wed. | December 11 th | | Interim Reports Issued |
| M-W | Dec.23 rd -Jan1 st | | Winter Vacation (NO SCHOOL) |
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| Thur. | January 2 nd | | Classes Resume |
| Mon. | January 6 th | | <i>January-English-NMS At Home.School Reading Calendar Issued</i> |
| Mon. | January 20 th | | Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (NO SCHOOL) |
| Tues. | January 21 st | | Classes Resume |
| T/W | Jan 21 st /22 nd | | End Second Nine Weeks/First Semester Exams/NO Early Out |
| Thur. | January 23 rd | | Teacher Work Day (NO SCHOOL) |
| Fri. | January 24 th | | Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL) |
| Mon. | January 27 th | | Begin Third Nine Weeks/Second Semester Begins/Classes Resume |
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| Mon. | February 3 rd | | <i>Feb-History-NMS At Home.School Reading Calendar Issued</i> |
| Mon. | February 17 th | | President's Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL) |
| Tues. | February 18 th | | Classes Resume |
| Thur. | February 27 th | | Interim Reports Issued |
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| Mon. | March 2 nd | | <i>March-Math-NMS At Home.School Reading Calendar Issued</i> |
| Fri. | March 27 th | | End Third Nine Weeks |
| Mon. | March 30 th | | Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL) |
| Tue. | March 31 st | | Begin Fourth Nine Weeks |
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| Mon. | April 6 th | | <i>April-Science-NMS At Home.School Reading Calendar Issued</i> |
| Mon. | April 6 th | | Third Nine Weeks Report Cards Issued |
| Wed./Mon | April 8 th -13 th | | Spring Vacation (NO SCHOOL) |
| Tues. | April 14 th | | Classes Resume |
| Wed. | April 29 th | 4:00 | NMS Title I Review Opportunity for Comment |
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| Wed. | May 6 th | | Interim Reports Issued |
| Mon. | May 25 th | | Memorial Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL) |
| Tues. | May 26 th | | Classes Resume |
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| Thur.Fri. | June 4 th -5 th | | Second Semester Middle School Exams (NO EARLY OUT) |
| Fri. | June 5 th | | Last Day of School (NO EARLY OUT) |
| Mon. | June 8 th | | Teacher Work Day |
| Fri. | June 12 th | | Fourth Nine Weeks & Second Semester Report Cards Issued |

