

## Ventnor Middle School- School Parent Involvement Policy

Ventnor Middle School has jointly developed with parents, teachers and staff this parent involvement plan. This plan establishes the expectations for parent and community involvement with Ventnor Middle School as a targeted assistance school.

Annually, Ventnor Middle School will hold a Back to School Night, to which all parents are invited. At this meeting, the principal and staff inform the parents of the school's participation in Title I, explain the requirements of Title I, and the right of parents to be involved in the school.

Ventnor Middle School holds a number of meetings for parents at flexible times for the parents' convenience. These include HSA meetings as well as parent information meetings. Meetings have been and will continue to be conducted where parents are involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of the programs for parent and community involvement.

Ventnor Middle School will provide parents timely information about programs and services through classroom newsletters, HSA meetings, the school website, phone communication, e-mail, Parent Portal, and other events.

Ventnor Middle School provides parents a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, forms of academic assessment used to measure progress, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet. This is done through parent meetings, conferences, notes in agenda planner and Parent Portal, etc.

Ventnor Middle School has jointly developed with parents a school-parent compact. This is a written compact that outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student achievement, and that school and parents will partner to help students achieve the State's high standards. The compact describes the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables students to meet the State's academic achievement standards. The school-parent compact describes the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting student learning and participating in decisions

relating to the education of their child/children. The school-parent compact addresses the importance of communication between the teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through conferences, Parent Portal access, and progress reports to parents.

Ventnor Middle School gives parents reasonable access to staff via email and Parent Portal, as well as other opportunities to share in the education of their children.

This written Parent Involvement Plan shall be distributed to all parents of students at Ventnor Middle School in an understandable format. It has been placed on the school website making it available to the local community. This plan has been periodically updated to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

Ventnor Middle School principal and staff make themselves available to assist parents in understanding such topics as the common core state standards, State and local assessments, how to monitor a child's progress, and how they can work with the school staff to improve academic achievement of their child/children and the requirements of parent involvement.

Ventnor Middle School, with the assistance of parents, has educated teachers, principal and other staff in the value of parent contributions. The staff has been trained in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.

Ventnor Middle School sends parent information relating to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities to the extent possible, via internet, paper copies, Global Connect and Parent Portal. The school provides full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and migrant families to the extent possible.

This Parent Involvement plan is an effort to cover the range of responsibilities and services Ventnor Middle School provides to the parents of its students and to the community.