

# Raymond B. Stewart Middle School



## Parent & Family Engagement Policy & Plan for Shared Student Success

### WHAT IS TITLE I ?

Raymond B. Stewart Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designated to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on the effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

### School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

#### WHAT IS IT?

This is the plan that describes how Raymond B. Stewart Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support learning. RBSMS values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student and achievement. This plan describes different ways that RBSMS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

#### HOW IS IS REVISED?

Raymond B. Stewart Middle invited all parents to attend our annual Title I input meeting last spring to review and revise our parent engagement plan, budget, compact and schoolwide plan. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year, please contact the school at 813-794-6500. All parent feedback received throughout the year and from the parent input meeting will be used to revise this plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey in February to ask parents for their feedback on this plan and on the use of funds for family engagement.

#### WHO IS THIS FOR?

All students participating in the Title I program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in opportunities described in this plan. Raymond B. Stewart Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities and of migratory children.

#### WHERE IS IT AVAILABLE?

This plan is sent home in the beginning of the year with the Annual Title I letter. It is also available on our school website ([rbsms.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://rbsms.pasco.k12.fl.us)), under School Information tab. Additional copies will be available in the front office.

### Parent and Family Engagement

Raymond B. Stewart believes that family engagement means that participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

### Parents as Partners

Raymond B. Stewart Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school. In order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will...

- RBSMS will help parents to understand how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators by offering Parent Conferences.
- RBSMS will build the capacity of school personnel and engage families and work together with them to obtain goals.
- RBSMS will coordinate and integrate Parent Engagement programs with other Federal, State, and local programs.
- RBSMS offers a variety of communication platforms; Teacher phones calls, weekly newsletters, school website and social media.
- RBSMS is dedicated to facilitating support for families within the community and positive parent engagement.

### WE DO BETTER WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER!

- Volunteer
- Join SAC
- Follow us on Social Media
  - FB @ RBSMS

Schedule a parent Teacher Conference? Call our school or email teachers to request a conference. Our email list is located on our website under "Contact Us".

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### School Parent Compacts

As part of this plan Raymond B. Stewart 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 ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Title I family input meeting.

### School Success Plan Goals

High Impact Instruction:

Teachers will plan, deliver, evaluate, monitor, and reflect on standards-based instructional practices to match the rigor of the standards in all content areas.

Collaborative Culture:

In order to strengthen our collaborative culture, RBSMS staff will work together to develop stronger collective responsibility of all staff.

Data Driven Instruction:

Build a multi-tiered system of support for students to ensure 80% or more students achieve a year's worth of growth in all content areas.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Raymond B. Stewart Middle will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

#### Meet the Teacher Beginning of August

Families are invited to come to the school to meet teachers, tour building and classrooms, and receive basic information for the new school year.

#### Annual Title I Meeting Community Connections Night in October

We invite you to learn about our Title I Program, including our parent and family engagement policy, schoolwide plan, curriculum and assessments used.

#### Annual Title I Family Input Meeting in the Spring

Come help us improve by giving your feedback regarding the schoolwide plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact and the family engagement budget.

Raymond B. Stewart Middle is committed to helping our parents and families attend and engage in the family activities we offer. Please call or email us if you are unable to attend, but would still like to receive event information.