

Reuther Middle School Parent Involvement Policy

Reuther Middle School believes that the education of our students is a joint responsibility between its staff and parent community. It is only through this partnership that our students will be empowered to achieve at their greatest potential.

At Reuther, communication between the school and home is supported in the following ways:

- annual fall Curriculum Night
- fall and spring Parent-Teacher Conferences
- bi-monthly PTSA meetings
- school and PTSA newsletters
- school website and myRCS portal
- student planners
- phone calls, emails, and mailout
- quarterly interims and report cards
- individual parent meetings
- public relations video

Parental involvement in a child's education positively impacts student achievement. Reuther Middle School promotes opportunities for our parents to have an understanding of curriculum, assessments, and district/school policies and procedures. Volunteer opportunities are also provided for parents to take an active role inside/outside the classroom. In addition, our parents are expected to monitor their children's progress as well as collaborate with staff to boost student motivation and academic achievement.

Staff Responsibilities at Reuther Middle School:

1. Create an environment that is physically and emotionally safe
2. Provide a clear description and explanation of the district and state curriculum and assessments
3. Expect high student achievement for all students
4. Research and implement "best practice" instructional strategies
5. Create instruction so all students are challenged and demonstrate success
6. Provide additional time and targeted instruction to students who have not yet met grade-level standards
7. Provide timely and student-specific feedback following assessments
8. Develop a variety of assessment types to foster varied learning styles
9. Analyze assessment to modify and improve instruction
10. Develop a system for students to monitor (assess) their own learning
11. Initiate and encourage communication between school and home
12. Engage parents in the school improvement process

Parent Responsibilities at Reuther Middle School:

1. Read all communications from the school and participate in school activities
2. Utilize the school – home lines of communication
3. Provide a quiet place and designated time for study at home
4. Monitor student planners
5. Maintain an active interest in your child's daily school work and assist your child when necessary
6. Understand and respect the mission and values of the school
7. Encourage your child to follow the Student Code of Conduct
8. Be aware and take advantage of school programs which promote academic support
9. Be aware and understand school assessments and their relevance to high school achievement
10. Participate in training opportunities that provide strategies for reinforcing learning at home
11. Be aware of extra-curricular programs and encourage your child's involvement
12. Participate in volunteer opportunities.