

# 2024-2025

## Parent Involvement Plan

### Geneva Middle School

Geneva Middle School's faculty and staff promote parental involvement in many ways. Parental support is a vital part of the success of a school and the school's programs. Geneva Middle School's main purpose in parental involvement is to promote meaningful parent and family participation. It is strongly recommended that all parents of the school know and understand all rules and requirements of the school. Also, it is very important that all parents help to promote and maintain all of this information with the students. Communication with parents is very important and Geneva Middle School strives to provide opportunities for parents to become involved and stay involved as active members of our school. Geneva Middle School has adopted the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs.

Listed below are the activities under the six standards that Geneva Middle School has incorporated to help get and keep the parents involved.

#### **Regular communication between home and school is two-way and meaningful.**

- Geneva Middle School Parent Handbook is provided at the beginning of each school year. It includes all rules and regulations about our school. Included are expectations, school activities, student services, school calendars and other information pertinent to the school year.
- The school sends report cards and regular progress reports to parents each grading period. This information is found in the inside front cover of the student handbook.
- Parent/Teacher/Student Compacts are included in the handbook to help build and foster the development of a partnership to help all children achieve the states high standards.
- Distribution of state assessment results and state report cards are available upon request.
- A website for Geneva City Schools was implemented for everyone to obtain pertinent information regarding each school and their respective staff members.

- Implement board approved procedures regarding "Parents Right to Know". Parents are informed via the student handbook for the approved procedures regarding "Parents Right to Know".

### **Parenting skills are promoted and supported.**

- Parents are notified and involved in academic and discipline problems that affect their students.
- Geneva City Schools, in cooperation with the Children's Policy Council, help identify and support "Positive Action" classes for students and "Parent Project" classes for parents.
- Parents are included on all advisory committees.
- Parents volunteer to speak and assist in many classroom activities.

### **Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.**

- Sixth grade parents receive a booklet from the Parent Institute to incorporate strategies that they can use to help their children succeed in the middle grades.
- Provide information to help parents understand the importance of continuing the learning process at home.
- Parents are invited to conferences and meetings on a regular basis.

### **Parents are welcome in school and their support and assistance is sought.**

- The main office has an atmosphere that makes parents feel important and welcomed.
- There is a sign-in sheet for parents at the main office.
- Parent volunteers are solicited and used in classes.
- Parents are invited to an annual open house.

### **Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.**

- Parents are provided with current information on school policies and school performance data.
- Parent's concerns are treated with respect.

- Parents are given opportunities to participate in developing goals and programs for the school such as SACS committee members and School Wide compliance committees.
- Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) along with Parents Responsible in Developing Education (PRIDE) provides assistance in various aspects of school and extracurricular activities.
- Parents are given a survey at the annual open house. The parents are asked to complete the surveys before they leave. This survey includes questions about how they could be involved with the school and concerns they have with their child being at Geneva Middle School.

**Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning.**

- Parents are provided information regarding cultural, recreational, academic, health, social, and other resources that serve the family within the community.
- Community resources that are provided in the area are discussed with the faculty; Life Skills, Crossroads, etc.

# Yearly Parental Involvement Activities

\*All school activities are open to parents (class performances, assembly programs, and special concerts). Sign-In Sheets

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## **The School Wide Plans' availability to parents**

The School Wide Plan will be available to parents in a variety of ways. During the annual open house at the beginning of the year, it will be available to the parents. A copy will be available in the school library and the school office. These will be available to view on any work day. The principal will discuss the plan with parents on an individual basis through an appointment.

## **Assessment in language parents understand**

Student assessment results will be discussed and explained to parents by teachers during individual parent conferences. Parents can then ask questions that will help interpret the test data. The school principal and guidance counselor are also available to help with explaining test results. Any follow-up conferences that need to be held will be scheduled with individual teachers.

## **Parent involvement in policy making**

At Geneva Middle School parents are involved in many aspects of policy making and revisions. Parents are actively involved in updating the Geneva Middle School's School Wide Planning Committee. Parents are involved on many committees that are formed at the school and their opinions are always appreciated and accepted.

## **Geneva Middle School addresses issues such as making good choices and decisions in a variety of ways. A selection of these are listed below.**

- A local organization speaks to each grade level at different times of the year. They focus on making good choices, abstinence, and remaining drug free.

- Geneva Middle School celebrates Red Ribbon Week. This week is used to teach drug awareness. Activities are completed throughout the week. Each day has a different dress code theme for students to wear.
- GMS also addresses cyberbullying and issues that are involved with it.
- The Character Education Plan developed by Geneva Middle School incorporates our Words of Wisdom. These words discuss things such as bullying, good decision making skills, self-reflection among others. They are recorded by local officials and faculty members and played for our students during the daily morning announcements.