

## Brick Church Middle School Parent Involvement Procedures



Brick Church Middle School is dedicated to the idea of a School-Family Partnership. Our school must become a place where families feel wanted and recognized for their strengths and potential. We are convinced that there must be mutual trust and respect, and ongoing exchange of information, agreement on goals and strategies, and a sharing of rights and responsibilities.

We are a "work in progress" and daily encourage teachers, staff, and parents to become actively involved in the education of children. Our education team definitely includes parents and family members as equal partners in our Brick Church family.

### Mission

The mission of Brick Church Middle School is to provide diverse educational opportunities in a safe learning community in which all children take ownership of their learning.

### Beliefs & Values

We at Brick Church believe that:

1. All children can learn.
2. We will provide a safe learning environment.
3. Through meaningful student/teacher relationships, we can achieve optimal learning.
4. The learning environment should be made stimulating and interesting for all students.
5. The entire school community should be involved in the decision-making process of the school.

## Expectations

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Safe
4. Be Cooperative
5. Be a Worker
6. Be Peaceful

## Parent Policy

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we have addressed the "disconnection" that many parents feel in regard to their child's education/school. A positive learning environment along with an "open door" policy is helping our school overcome barriers to parent involvement.

## Parent Involvement

Parents are encouraged to volunteer, attend PTO meetings, participate in parent/teacher planning sessions, serve on Title One Committees, communicate with the school through letters, phone calls, conferences, etc. Several surveys serve as one way parents can give opinions and thoughts. We are committed to taking these comments and using them in decision making.

## Parent Education

Parent workshops and meetings as well as home-visits are the responsibility of the Title One Family/School Coordinator. We feel this position is very important in "connecting" with "hard-to-reach" parents. Personal contacts serve as a link between the school and the home and can often bridge the gap between our school and the community.