



Ritenour School District

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Middle School Parent Advocacy Center

RSD Vision

Ritenour School District, in partnership with parents and community, will develop leaders recognized for academic excellence and produce graduates who will become productive citizens and lead lives of personal integrity and fulfillment

RSD Mission

The mission of Ritenour School District is to ensure learning occurs in a **supportive environment** that enables **every student** to think critically, solve problems and develop the knowledge and skills necessary for success in our diverse, global society.

Definition of Advocacy

Advocacy (ad-vo-ca-cy)

noun

- *The act of supporting*
- *Placing a focus on a goal and supporting the work towards said goal*
- *Empowering others in their efforts at improvement*

What is the Parent Advocacy Center?

- **A Center on the campus of Hoech Middle School to support the engagement of families in the educational process**
- **A Center of non-judgement where parents can receive “coaching” from trained coaches on improving the education of their students**
- **A Center where parent education offerings will occur throughout the year**
- **A Center where resource material for families will be made available**

Why Is It?

- Data indicates middle school is the point at which the relationship with school begins to change (lack of clarity for family involvement)
- Data indicates the level of academic proficiency is lowest at Ritenour middle schools as compared to elementary schools and the high school on a percentage basis
- We must support families during the transition to greater levels of student independence

Logistics for the P.A.C.

- PAC Center will be housed in the former IWC Center (Hoech North Wing)
- PAC Center will be available on Monday mornings from 7-9 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Saturdays will be available by appointment
- April 26 (middle school transition event) is the target date for the opening of the PAC

Preparation for the P.A.C.

- Coaches
 - Lisa Glover-Jones -Stacey Albin-Wilson
 - Rhonda Tennial
 - Natalie Gerke
 - Rachel Schafer
 - Orlando Lewis, Jr.
 - Amy Poelker
 - Leiah Mosley

Next Steps

- Complete the updating of the P.A.C. space
- Publicize the opening of the Center-April 26 at the middle school transition event
- Make the Parent Advocacy Center website “live” and available through middle school sites