



**Emerald Coast Middle School
Parent Advisory Council Team**

The mission of the Parent Advisory Council Team (PACT) at Emerald Coast Middle School (ECMS) is to support the administration and staff in their endeavor to ensure our school remains the premiere middle school on the gulf coast and an “A” school under the guidelines set forth by the state of Florida. We accomplish this mission by providing support and showing appreciation for the school staff, recommending ways to improve student engagement and performance from a parental perspective, and providing funding for needed initiatives that do not fit in the school’s primary budget.

PACT will be comprised of three parents per grade level and one representative from the Emerald Coast Middle School staff. It is our hope that, barring unexpected circumstances, when a parent commits to be a PACT representative, they are committing for the length of their child’s tenure at ECMS. This is not to limit participation it is to help ensure continuity in planning and projects and fairness and diversity in awarding funds.

PACT will create and execute fundraisers throughout the course of each school year with an established goal created during the first meeting of the year. They will also establish a roll over balance that will remain on hand between each school year. All PACT funds are in an account controlled solely by ECMS Administration and all expenditures from the account must ultimately be approved by the ECMS Principal. PACT will receive a full accounting statement for the funds during each meeting.

PACT funds can be used for any initiative that enhances the educational experience of the ECMS student body. They can also be used for extracurricular activities and equipment that serve to enhance the overall student experience while attending ECMS. The funds can be used for programs that increase student engagement for reasons clearly defined by ECMS staff members. The funds can also be used for initiatives that improve the work environment and show appreciation to the valued ECMS staff.

In order to receive funding from PACT, ECMS staff members will be required to submit a PACT Funding Request form that outlines the amount requested, the reason for the request, and the desired outcome/benefit to ECMS. PACT will review the forms on a quarterly basis and make a recommendation to either accept or deny the request based on merit and available funding. Ultimately, the ECMS Principal has the authority to grant or deny the request and no request will be funded without this approval.