



2023-2024 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Mission:

At Sam Houston Middle School we are committed to the success of all students by embracing, empowering and engaging students through collaborative learning experiences, positive relationships, and continuous growth.

Vision

All students will achieve their full potential at Sam Houston Middle School.

Goal

Sam Houston Middle School recognizes that a child's education is a duty that is shared by the school and family. For our children to succeed, it is vital for all students, parents, families, community members, and staff to work together in a partnership. Our Goal through the Parent and Family Engagement Policy is to explain how Sam Houston Middle School will support the important role families' play in the education of their children.

Explanation of Title 1

Because a particular percentage of Sam Houston Middle School students are considered low income, the entire school is listed as a Title 1 School. Our school receives "Title 1 Funds" (federal money) to supplement the school's existing programs to help maximize our students' success. All Title 1 schools are required to implement a Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The policy is to outline an intentional plan for Parent and Family engagement. This document fulfills the State's requirement.

Annual Title 1 Meeting

An annual meeting will be held to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, to explain the Title I requirements, and the right of parents to be involved. Sam Houston Middle School will invite all parents and will encourage them to attend.

The Annual Title I Meeting for the 2022-2023 will be held on:

- ✓ ***Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Sam Houston Middle School Cafe***
- ✓ ***Friday, September 29, 2023 from 9:00-10:00 AM via Zoom***



Parent Meetings and Involvement

Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Parent & Family Engagement Policy, and in the development of our school-wide program in an organized, positive, and ongoing way.

- ✓ Volunteers will serve on the Campus Improvement Committee (CIC) and Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).
- ✓ The CIC and PAC will meet 6 times a year to address campus needs as they relate to the school-wide plan and the Parent & Family Engagement Policy.
- ✓ Parents will be given the opportunity to comment on the school-wide plan and Parent and Family Engagement Policy when they are made public to the community.
- ✓ An annual review, evaluation, and revision of the Parent and Family Engagement and school-wide plan will occur in the spring semester and will include parents through surveys as well as the CIC.

Opportunities for individual parent meetings will be provided at the parent's request to give suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible. Parents who make requests will be given the opportunity to meet:

- ✓ Through a request to meet with the **Title I Parent Liaison, Ms. Barron, at 972-600-7553**
- ✓ Through meetings with the student's teacher which may include the Title I Parent Liaison, the Principal, and other staff as appropriate.

Format and Distribution

All information about Sam Houston Middle School Title I programs will be provided to parents in a uniform format, in English and Spanish, and any other language, to meet the needs of our school community. Upon request, parents with disabilities will be provided information in alternative formats whenever reasonably possible. Information will be provided in the following ways:

- ✓ Phone calls
- ✓ School memos and newsletters
- ✓ School Messenger
- ✓ School meetings
- ✓ Sam Houston Middle School website
- ✓ Peachjar
- ✓ Social media, including School Website, Facebook, and Twitter

Information provided to parents about the Title I programs will include a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, assessments, and achievement levels which children are expected to reach. The school will give parents this information in the following ways:

- ✓ The annual Title I meeting (virtual or in person)



- ✓ Home-School Compacts
- ✓ School-wide parent teacher conferences, and individual conferences as needed

- ✓ Parent contact via phone calls and emails
- ✓ Title I meetings and Family Nights throughout the year (virtual or in person)
- ✓ Monthly campus newsletters
- ✓ Social Media – Facebook, Twitter, School Website, Peachjar
- ✓ Parent Information Nights (virtual or in person)
- ✓ Meet the Teacher Night (virtual or in person)
- ✓ Progress reports
- ✓ Report cards
- ✓ Parents will be provided with a report regarding their child's performance on the STAAR exam once the STAAR tests and/or other assessments are completed.

Coordination of Programs and Planning

Sam Houston Middle School will assist parents by helping them to understand the state and district standards, the assessments and how to monitor their child's progress in the following ways:

- ✓ Various community resources
- ✓ Various family nights at Sam Houston Middle School
- ✓ Teacher communications with parents
 - **School Messenger**
 - **Peach Jar**
 - **SNAP Connect!**
- ✓ Parenting classes at Sam Houston Middle School

Monitoring of their child's progress is available in the following ways:

- ✓ Online grade book
- ✓ Progress reports
- ✓ Report cards
- ✓ Parent-Teacher contacts (phone, e-mail, meetings)

The campus Parent Involvement Committee will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent in a format that parents can easily understand.

- ✓ Copies of flyers, phone messages, and other notices will be kept as documentation by the Title I Parent Involvement Liaison.

Reasonable support for parental involvement activities will be provided.

- ✓ Funds are set aside for parental involvement and will be spent upon the agreed activities.
- ✓ Materials for the parent center will be provided as needed.



Community organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate in parental involvement activities.

- ✓ The parent involvement committee will form partnerships with various city and community stakeholders.

Development of Plan

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan was developed by the Campus Improvement Committee (CIC) and the Sam Houston Middle School Staff in the Spring of 2022 and will be in effect for the current school year.

The school will distribute this Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan to all parents and make it available to the community on or before October 1, 2023 (2023-2024).

Questions? Comments?

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