

Hudson Elementary School

2021-2022 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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Revised description of Volunteer Coordinator and Approved by PTO Executive Board August 11, 2021

At Hudson Elementary School, we believe it is essential for the school, parents, and community to work together to provide the best educational experiences for each student. Parents are welcome at the school and every effort will be made by the school staff to communicate and work closely with parents as we endeavor to build a strong and effective partnership. Parent and family engagement in school and academics is critical for a child's success in school and life.

In order to develop and build this partnership between parents, the community, and the school, we will provide:

- Annual public meetings including open house/parent orientation and grade level conferences where parents will meet teachers and staff, learn about Title I programs, review academic resources, ask questions, and learn staff qualifications;
- A Student Parent School Compact will be reviewed and signed that will detail how parents, school staff, and students will share responsibility for successful learning;
- Parent conferences will provide parents an opportunity to learn about grade level expectations, academic assessments, curriculum requirements, Title I plans and expectations, state educational standards, student academic achievement, family resources to support learning at home and other issues related to the success of individual students;
- Feedback from Parent Surveys will be considered in the program and overall school planning. Feedback will be requested through Parent Advisory Council Meetings and an annual survey. The annual survey of parents is to provide a forum for parents to express their opinions about the current Title I program, as well as to share ideas for program improvement and topics for training;
- Invitations for PAC Meetings, PTO Meetings, SIT Meetings, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and Special Assemblies will be delivered via the School Sign, School Webpage, BlackBoard Connect Message Center, Newsletter, ClassDojo, Talking Points and School Facebook Page to keep parents informed in advance of opportunities to

have an active role in their child's education, inform parents about the curriculum, the instructional program of the school, the proficiency levels their children must meet, along with activities and up-coming programs;

- Materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement along with training for the staff in working closer with parents;
- Translators are enlisted for interpretations as specific needs arise;
- The Parent Volunteer Coordinator will support students and teachers with school activities (i.e. book fair, picture days, class celebrations, duty free lunch, etc...);
- Parents can participate in the School Improvement Team (SIT), the PTO Executive Board, PTO general membership, and the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) on a regular and ongoing basis to give feedback, ask questions, participate in school leadership, be involved in planning, and review school improvement plans to help strengthen parent and family engagement within the school;

Information about Title I programs, services, and benefits to students can be obtained from school staff upon request. The Title I Plan is on file in the principal's office. The Title I Plan is completed in the spring at the time the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Surveys are completed by parents. This gives each parent an opportunity for input as the school wide plan is being developed.

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