

Houston Middle School

2020-2021

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is Title I?

Houston Middle School is identified as a Title I school as a part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform tied to the challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students.

What is it a Parent Engagement Policy?

This is a plan that describes how Houston Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that supports student learning. Houston Middle School values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of increased student achievement. This plan details the ways that Houston Middle School will support family engagement and how families can participate in activities and events that promote student learning at school and home.

How is it created and revised?

Houston Middle will invite all parents interested in becoming a part of the committee to sign up during the August 2020 PTO meeting. Additionally, family input and comments regarding the plan are welcome throughout the school year. All feedback received throughout the school year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. An annual survey will also be used to collect feedback from parents about possible family engagement events and activities.

Who is it for?

All Houston Middle families are encouraged to participate in the opportunities described in this plan.

Parent and Family Engagement

Houston Middle School will complete the following actions to ensure family involvement in an organized, timely manner in the planning, reviewing, and improvement of Title I programs.

This will include:

1. Annual Title Meetings
 - To be held live (virtually) with a recording posted for reference on school website.
2. Communication
 - Timely information updated in Skyward & Schoology
 - Flexible meeting times
 - Forms In other languages (as needed)
 - District/ School Website
 - Curriculum/Open House Night
 - Parent Survey
3. School- Parent Compact
 - Online survey
 - PTO volunteers
 - Compacts to be sent home at the beginning of the school year digitally
 - Posted on the Title 1 section of the HMS webpage
4. Reservation of Funds
 - Determined with parent/staff committee
 - All stakeholders expressed needs addressed by committee
 - Information provided at annual meeting & on the Title 1 section of the school website
 - Meetings as needed
 - Parent informed using Schoology, HMS PTO communications, admin emails, and school website
 - Weekly admin PLC meetings to discuss school goals
5. Building Capacity of School staff
 - Regular professional development opportunities for faculty/staff to increase knowledge.