

EHMS Title I Parental Involvement Policy

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Title I schools agree to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school and parents will jointly develop a School Parental Involvement Policy for distribution to parents of participating children.
- The school will distribute the School Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- The school will make the School Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community.
- The school will periodically update the School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- The school will adopt the school-parent compact as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.
- The school agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*

TITLE I SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy and its school-wide plan in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner as specified in section 1118(b) of the ESEA.

- *School Site Council Meetings*
- *Review of Title I Plan at Leadership Meetings*

- *Parent Survey's at Corral Night, Parent University and ELAC meetings*
- *Survey of Teachers at Faculty Meetings*

2. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will take the following actions to distribute to parents and the local community, the School Parental Involvement Policy.

- *Invitations will to the Title I meetings will be sent home with students*
- *Auto-dialers will be sent out*
- *Emails and text messages, in multiple languages, will be sent as well to encourage and remind parents of the meetings*

3. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will update periodically its School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

- *Quarterly meetings will be held to assess the need of school improvements and gauge the effectiveness of existing activities and programs.*

4. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will convene an annual meeting to inform parents of the following:

- That their child's school participates in Title I,
- About the requirements of Title I,
- Of their rights to be involved,
- The meeting will be held and parents will be encouraged to attend by 09/02/20.
 - *For years, Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School has always held parent meetings that begin anywhere from 6:00 - 7:00pm. This is due to the fact that our school's population has many working-class parents, and these times best accommodate their busy work schedules.*

5. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will hold a flexible number of meetings at varying times, and may provide transportation, child care, and/or home visits, paid for with Title I funding as long as these services relate to parental involvement.

Emails via Synergy and phone calls will be made to encourage parents to attend.

6. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will provide timely information about Title I programs to parents.

7. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will provide to parents a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

Back to School Night, Open House, Parent University, newsletter items and Bring Your Parent to School Days.

8. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will provide parents, if requested, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

- *ELAC/ DELAC*
- *GATE Parent Advisory*
- *Corral Night*
- *Back to School Night & Open House*
- *Monthly Parent University Meetings*
- *Bring Your Parent to School Days*
- *School Site Council Meetings*
- *COLTS PTO meetings*
- *IEP, PTC, 504 and SST meetings*

9. **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** will submit to the district any parent comments if the schoolwide plan under section (1114)(b)(2) is not satisfactory.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

1. Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement. In order to ensure effective involvement of parents, in partnership with the schools and the community, to improve student academic achievement, the following activities shall be implemented:

- *Corral Night*
- *Back to School Night & Open House*
- *Monthly Parent University Meetings*
- *Bring Your Parent to School Days*
- *School Site Council Meetings*
- *COLTS PTO meetings*

2. The school will, with the assistance of the district, provide parents information on the following topics:

- the State's academic content standards
- the State's student academic achievement standards
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
- the requirements for college entrance
- how to monitor their child's progress
- how to work with educators
- how to use technology to enhance the educational process

3. The school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children in improving their academic achievement, and encourage parental involvement.

- *EHMS offers and extensive Parent University Program that educates parents on the best practices for improving student achievement.*
- *Every student is provided with an agenda that is filled with helpful tools to foster student advocacy, organization and success.*

4. The school will educate its teachers and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

- During Pre-Service, our staff was educated on how to use the student agenda to effectively communicate with parents. Also, the staff took part in a Synergy training that covered how to communicate with parents who use ParentVUE.

5. The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with district preschool and other state and federally funded programs.

- Monthly ELAC, DLAC, Parent University, and annual AVID parent meetings and GATE/ Honors parent meetings

DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

(NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy may include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA.)

Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School shall implement the following additional activities:

- train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents
- adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement
- provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request

ADOPTION

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by **Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School** on **09/02/20** and will be in effect for the period of one school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children by the beginning of each school year in the parent handbook.

(Signature of Administrator)

(Signature of Parent Representative)

(Date)

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