

Houston High School Parent Engagement Policy

2017-2018

Houston High School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child. We will strive to establish partnerships with our parents as this collaborative relationship supports their child's success. We will work with our parents to utilize the Title I program to support the needs of HHS students and meet our state's high academic standards.

Houston High School intends to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title I program. The goal is a collaborative partnership between the school and parents that will help all students to succeed and shall be done through the following steps:

A. Houston High School will work with the HHS Title I Accountability team to jointly develop/revise school parent involvement policy and share it with our parents, teachers, students and community. The Accountability team includes parent representatives, teachers and students. The HHS Parent Involvement Policy is available in the HHS Front office, counseling office and on the HHS Website in the Title I section.

B. Houston High School will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with its Welcome Back BBQ and Open House. This has proven to be a convenient time for our parents, staff, and students to attend. At this time parents are informed about Title I, how the funding has been utilized, how it impacts their students and the rights of parents to be involved. To ensure all stakeholders are informed, a Connect-Ed message will go out by phone, text and e-mail and important documents will be sent to the home with every student enrolled at Houston High School.

C. Parents are always welcome at Houston High School. Our offices have an open door policy. We encourage parents to schedule parent/student/teacher conferences as needed throughout the year. Additionally, we encourage parents to attend our monthly "Coffee and Conversation" events on the first Monday of every month in Room 107 from 7:15 to 8:15am.

D. Houston High School involves parents in the planning, review, improvement, and development of the Title I Plan. In addition to the input of the Accountability Team, stakeholder feedback will be gathered through surveys at school/community events and informal conversations throughout the year

E. The Houston High School Compact will be reviewed and revised on an annual basis by the Title I Accountability Team. The School-Parent Compact will be provided to students to take home at the beginning of the year to be signed and returned. It will also be made available on the HHS Website and in the front office.

F. Parents will be able to access information about the curriculum in use at Houston High School, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data, up to date PEAKs requirements and data, and other curriculum and assessments requirements throughout the year via parent conferences, Connect Ed messages, individual and school web pages, i-Parent, district website and direct mailings to parents. Student data and an interpretation sheet are mailed to all parents. Parents are encouraged to participate in their child's education and meetings are held upon request to facilitate this. The Title I compliance folder is available for parent review and is located in the main office at Houston High School. The Title I plan is available on the school and district web-site.

G. Houston High School welcomes stakeholder feedback and may use the following avenues to share their feedback. Parents can provide anonymous suggestions, concerns and comments to the main office at

Houston High School. Parents can contact the Title I Accountability Team Members in person, via email or by telephone. Parents are also welcome to arrange a meeting with the HHS Administration at any time to ask for clarification provide comments or share concerns.

H. The staff of *Houston High School*, parents, and students shall work together to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement by:

- conducting parent/teacher conferences October 31st 2017 and February 15th 2018.
- Providing Progress Reports, Report Cards, MAP, and PEAKs Results
- Providing progress reports through i-Parent updated by teachers every Wednesday
- Parents are encouraged communicate with teachers at any time. They may also visit a teacher's classroom with 24 hours notice.
- Parents may schedule student/parent/teacher conferences through the guidance department.

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Houston High School will:

J. Provide assistance to parents if they have questions on such topics as the Alaska Content Standards, , MAP testing and accessing i-Parent. This assistance will come in the form of individual parent/student/counselor meetings.

K. Provide materials and training to support parents in their efforts to improve their child's achievement. This will include:

L. Provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand. This will be provided in the form of Migrant Education support, Multi-Cultural support, Indian Education support, IEP Team Meetings and primary language interpreters for conferences/meetings when needed.

Houston High School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I program. The school will distribute this Parent Involvement Policy to all parents and make it available to the community.

(Signature of Title I Authorized Representative)

(Date)

These parents were involved with the development of this document: