

East Hall Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2018–2019 School Year

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What is Title I?

East Hall Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how East Hall Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. East Hall Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that EHMS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

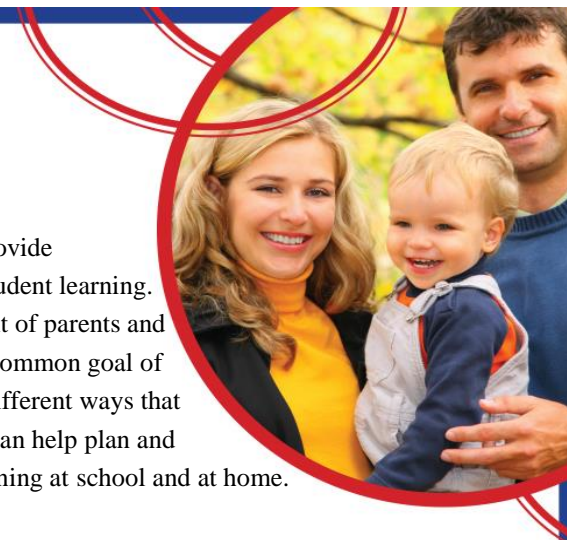
East Hall Middle School invites all parents to attend our annual spring parent involvement meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through a phone call or a form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our monthly Parent Connections meetings.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. EHMS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

Near the beginning of the year, the plan is copied and sent home with all students. The plan is also posted on the school website. If additional copies are needed, parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the East Hall Middle School front office. Contact Kristin Finley at kristin.finley@hallco.org or Irma Velez at Irma.velez@hallco.org.



2018–19 District Goals

Increase average CCRPI scores at least two points annually at 70% or more of HCSD schools.

Average CCRPI scores for each level of HCSD schools will increase at least two points annually.

2018–19 School Goals

Implement research-based best practices to positively impact student achievement.

Develop a school-wide plan to implement reflective practices.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, EHMS and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the

Parent Connections meetings and The Annual Title I parent input meeting. Should you need

another copy of the school-parent compact at any time, you can visit our school website or pick one up in our front office.

Let's Get Together!

East Hall Middle will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. In an effort to accommodate different schedules, we will offer some meetings during the school day and others in the evening – note the time for each meeting below.

Open House – August 2, 2018 (4 pm - 7 pm)

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff

Teaching with Technology – September 13, 2018 @ 5:30 pm

Learn about the ways teachers use technology to enhance learning and literacy

Annual Title I Meeting – October 15, 2018 @ 5:30 pm

You are invited to learn about our school's Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compact and parent requirements. Meeting notices will be sent home.

Middle and High School Connections – November 8, 2018 @ 5:30 pm

Discover how what your student is learning in middle school prepares him/her for success in high school

Growth Mindset – December 6, 2018 @ 11 am

Explore the connections between a growth mindset and content mastery

Love of Language Arts and Mathematics – January 17, 2019 @ 11 am

Learn how to help your child improve his/her literacy and math skills

Study Skills and Test Prep – February 7, 2019 @ 11 am

Share and evening with us looking at examples of student work products related to literacy and learning

Full STEAM Ahead – March 14, 2019 @ 11:00 am

Learn about STEAM and participate in some STEAM learning activities

Annual Title I Parent Input Meeting – April 18, 2019 @ 5 pm

Review and offer feedback about our school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School/Parent Compact, Comprehensive Needs Assessment and the school improvement plan.

Powering Down for Summer – April 18, 2019 @ 5:30 pm

Learning in the absence of social media



Parent Information

Come visit the Learning Commons to discover books and activities that you can use at home with your child. Additionally, there is a link to online parent resources on our school website. Some are audio recordings, others are pamphlets you can download, and all are available in both English and Spanish.

Parent and Family Engagement

East Hall Middle School believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

East Hall Middle is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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East Hall Middle is Branching Out!

East Hall Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- Conduct professional learning on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom at least four times a year. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Listen and respond to parent requests for additional supports for parental involvement activities.
- Support parents and students during the important transitions from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

East Hall Middle and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

School Community Team

EHMS invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at (770)531-9457 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



School Community Team

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Team.
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

