

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY
Family Engagement Policy
2021-2022



Hillside's Administration, Faculty and Staff understand the importance of family involvement as a key factor to children's success. We try to keep the best communication possible with the families through monthly newsletter, flyers, School website, School messenger, remind, dojo, marquee and classroom's agendas.

Due to the COVID19 schedules have changed. Meanwhile Virtual presentations and workshops have been taking place.

In order to ensure that parents are included as important stakeholders, Hillside Elementary will provide the following:

1. Annual meetings on Title 1 morning and evening.
2. Activities such as Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS), parenting, ESL(English as a second language), math and literacy classes are provided to facilitate families' participation in their child's education process.
3. An annual parent orientation meeting where parents will meet their child's teacher and be provided with information about their child's education.#10
4. An annual parent survey providing families with an opportunity to select family's involvement activities that are beneficial and meaningful to them.
5. During the year there are activities for Strong Father/Strong Families such as Reading, Math, Science.
6. A Student/Parent/Teacher Compact that identify responsibilities and expectations by grade level that will ensure a successful learning outcome.
7. A minimum of two schedule parent-teacher conference where teachers will provide feedback to parents about their child's academic process. Parents can also schedule over the phone and/or personal conferences. #11
8. Monthly parenting classes pertaining to topics that will help parents help their children. Parents have access to Literacy and Math lab.#14 tool
9. CIT monthly meetings are held where suggestions and verifications for the CIT are made. #12 tool

10. An annual meeting to present and Evaluate the Family Engagement Policy with Parents to have their input, suggestions, changes. #8 tool
11. Home visits are provided by Deaf Education and other staff of Hillside and logs are kept for such visits.
12. Support of PTA activities that result in a positive learning environment.
13. Ensure that at least 1% of Title 1 funds are assigned to parental involvement activities.
14. Offer continued support for Parents in the understanding of Academic standards, State and Local, in assessments, progress and improvement of their children. We offer over the phone, individual Parent/Teacher conferences to help parents to understand this process. #9,10,11,13 tool.
15. Offer continued support for a campus-parent liaison which coordinates family involvement activities.
16. Provide bilingual translation for written and oral announcements to parents who need support in Spanish.
17. Preschool and Headstart school tours to parents, students and teachers. The Warrior Lodge, (room #1) available for meetings, classes, with the availability of laptops, other technology and supplies that parents might need.
18. Provide at least two "town-hall" meetings with the principal to seek parental input in topics that affect their children at varied times to accommodate parents working schedules.
19. Technology has implemented a web page at EPISD to register students, apply for VIPs, surveys and other information of interest
20. ID's will be required at the front door before coming into the building.

The Hillside Policy has been presented & evaluated on May 5, 2021.