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# Mission High School

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## **PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

Mission High School has developed a written Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy with input agreed upon by both Mission High School and parents of students served in the school. Parents are vital and necessary partners in the well-being and academic success of students. Therefore, the administration, staff and parents of Mission High School have jointly developed and agreed upon this policy to serve students in the school pursuant to Title I. The staff and parents of Mission High School will evaluate this policy on a yearly basis. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy, along with all correspondence, will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will also be made available to the community through the Mission High School website and in the school office. The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parent and family engagement requirements.

### **Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program**

We send flyers, make ParentLink calls, and post information on our website to involve parents in the Title I program at Mission High School and the following practices have been established:

- The school convened its annual meetings on September 9 and September 14, 2021, to inform parents about Title I requirements and about the rights and responsibilities of parents to be involved. Meetings were held both in person and virtual in order to accommodate working parents and those with small children.
- The school offers a number of weekly parent-to-agent meetings at varied times to accommodate parents' schedules.
- The school invites parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way to be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I budget, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the Continuous Improvement Performance.
- The school holds monthly School Organizational Team (SOT) Meetings both in person and virtual to accommodate parents and community members.

## **Survey Results**

Mission High School was not provided data from the District Wide Parent Survey as our count was too low. However, we strongly encourage families to take the District Wide Parent Survey whenever they are on campus for monthly parent meetings or to complete it at home. However, the results of the overall survey do apply to Mission High School in many ways. Parents of students that attend Mission High School have completed surveys for meetings and activities held on campus. The results from those surveys have been positive, and all survey results may be shared in the monthly SOT meetings.

## **Educational Involvement Accord**

The Educational Involvement Accord is integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review the Accord prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to a student's Accord whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions.

Mission High School distributes to parents a school-parent contract. The contract, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, staff, community, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It addresses the following legally required items as well as other items suggested by parents:

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class and opportunities to observe classroom activities.

## **Campus Plan for Including Parents in the Academic Achievement of Students**

Mission High School engages parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices:

- The administration and staff will educate parents in:
  - Understanding the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS).
  - How assessment data is used to support the students.
  - The different state and local assessments that are given.
  - How to monitor and improve the achievement of their child.
  - How to work with school staff on raising their child's academic achievement.

- The school provides parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children’s achievement. During parent teacher conferences and/or IEP meetings, all parents of students performing below expectations are provided with instructional resources that would assist parents in working with their child.
- The school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, how to reach out and communicate with parents, and how to build ties between parents and the school. The school will share research-based strategies on how to work with parents as equal partners.
- The school coordinates and integrates parental involvement programs with other partners and agencies including: parent resource centers, Bridge Counseling, Drug Court, Truancy Prevention Program, and Nevada Homes for Youth to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Another big partnership is with *There Is No Hero in Heroin (TINHIIH)*, who runs the after-school Alternative Peer Groups (APG). Monthly calendars are sent home and parents receive updates through Infinite Campus. Intensive out-patient services (IOP) are also offered on-site.
- The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format and language that the parents understand. Bi-monthly parent meetings are held on campus. The school’s Marriage and Family Therapist contacts each family individually and a message is sent through Infinite Campus as a reminder.
- The school provides, to the best of its ability, reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested by parents. Parents are encouraged and recognized for participation and involvement in school academic and social activities to promote a cohesive and productive learning environment. Mission High School will provide:
  - Staff development
  - Parent education
  - The opportunity for parents to participate in school decision making

Together we can make Mission High School the best it can be!