

Sam Houston Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
ESSA Section 1116



1. Sam Houston Middle School shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5).

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting to create the PFE policy. We are distributing the policy to all students and communicating it to all parents.

2. Sam Houston Middle School shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved; Section 1116 (c)(1).

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the Title 1 meeting. The meeting will be announced through multiple platforms to encourage attendance. The assistant principal will be responsible for conducting these meetings

3. Sam Houston Middle School shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement; Section 1116 (c)(2).

Sam Houston will work with any parents requesting childcare or transportation to ensure all parents have an opportunity to participate in our meetings.

4. Sam Houston Middle School > shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs,

the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children; Section 1116 (c)(3).

Parents are invited to participate in our PFE program and activities. Our policy is revised and reviewed annually following our Title 1 parent meeting. Our campus LPAC is working specifically to invite parents from all demographics.

5. Sam Houston Middle School shall provide parents of participating children— (A) timely information about programs under this part; (B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and (C) if requested by parents, 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; Section 1116 (c)(4).

We have multiple meetings throughout the year regarding assessment information. Our counselors plan coffee with parent meetings to engage parents from our community.

6. If the schoolwide program plan (Campus Improvement Plan, CIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency. Section 1116 (c)(5).

The CIP is explained to parents during all of the Title 1 meetings, and it is also addressed during the Harvesting High School event.

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, shall: Section 1116 (e) (i) provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(1)

(ii) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(2)

(iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; Section 1116 (e)(3)

(iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool

programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children; Section 1116 (e)(4)

(v) provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14)

Our counselors provide resources for technology, English as a second language classes for parents, clothing, shelter, eyeglasses, parent training classes, and other opportunities for parents to ensure they have access to resources they made need for their student.