



# Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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## **What is Parent and Family Engagement?**

Family Engagement is the participation of parents, students, and family members in meaningful and authentic communication and community responsibility for the academic, behavioral, and social development of all students. Involvement and participation are supported by Newport Harbor High School as part of the shared decision-making process.

1. Encourage and facilitate community input in parent groups such as the School Site Council (SSC), English Learner Advisement Committee (ELAC), Athletics Boosters Foundations, PTA, Newport Harbor Educational Foundation, Inclusion Council, and opportunities for feedback such as LCAP.
2. Collaborating with parents and families to address student needs and concerns, and offering a forum for suggestions and feedback.
3. Offering meetings at flexible and convenient times for parents and families to attend and participate.
4. Hosting events and activities that focus on inclusion and connectivity.
5. The carrying out of activities, such as those described in federal law, Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to encourage parent engagement.

## Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Newport Harbor High School will make every reasonable effort to recruit parent and student participation in school community surveys, to serve on boards and committees, to attend ELAC, PTA, and Foundation events, and provide feedback on school plans and LCAP goals.



- Regular emails to school community from the NHHS Principal updating parents on opportunities for involvement
- School Site Council Nominations at Fall NHHS Back to School Night
- ELAC Family Nights and other events with zone schools
- Emailed surveys to school community for LCAP and other school plan input
- School website shares contact information and meeting times, locations, and agendas for parent input groups (SSC, ELAC, PTA, Foundation)

## Collaborative Policy Development

Newport Harbor High School develops the Parent and Family Engagement Plan jointly with our parent and family groups.

- Yearly parent surveys
- Review of policy with School Site Council and ELAC
- Feedback to school administration
- Sharing the policy through the handbook



## LCAP Development

Your feedback helps guide the goals, actions, services and funding to support positive student outcomes. The School Plan aligns to the LCAP as pursuant to Education Code 64001. Educational partner input is gathered through the winter and spring of each year. In addition, NHHS will send out an invitation to participate in forums on specific areas of the school plan. Annual student focus groups are also conducted every spring. A draft of the plan for the upcoming year is shared and approved at the end of each school year by staff and parents. Schools finalize the plan in the fall and Board approves the plan each November.

# Opportunities for Parent Involvement

- School Site Council (SSC)
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- Newport Harbor Educational Foundation
- School Connected Organizations- Booster Groups
- School surveys, LCAP input opportunities, and events

Please visit the [community page](#) of the NHHS website to learn more about opportunities to participate.



Newport Harbor High School communicates with students and families using multiple platforms such as schoology LMS, blackboard, and Aeries parent portals. These systems supplement direct communication between staff and parents in the form of meetings, conferences, phone calls, and electronic mail.

## Annual Review and Evaluation

The Parent and Family Engagement Plan is reviewed annually by the School Site Council. Important metrics of student, parent, and family engagement are also reviewed to address and increase participation. Some of the data that we collect on a regular basis to evaluate engagement includes the following information and action items:

- Parent rosters and participation at PTA, SSC, ELAC, and events such as Back to School Night and Open House
- Reports on parent blackboard communications and contacting families to correct information
- Review of parent and student schoology LMS logins and usage
- Review of SchoolLinks student activity and guardian created accounts
- Review of Aeries portal access by students and families
- Feedback on access and portals
- Annual review of counseling and guidance meetings, , home visits, Student Study Team Meetings, IEP meetings, and 504 meetings.
- Feedback from parents and students on access and concerns regarding communication.