

# TITLE I STUDENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

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## Siembra Leadership High School

### VISION

As the only entrepreneurship focused high school in New Mexico, Siembra Leadership combines passionate and innovative educators, high-growth employers, and local entrepreneurs to offer innovative, real-world learning that prepares students for the future. Siembra Leadership students develop 21st century skills and an entrepreneurial mindset that prepares them for success in college and their career. Students and families benefit from 360 degree support to ensure students can focus on hands-on, rigorous learning each day

### How Do I Get Involved?

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**Website:** [www.SiembraABQ.org](http://www.SiembraABQ.org)

**Jupiter:** (online grading and attendance system). You can get login student's information from your success coach.

**Success Coaches:** Each student has a success coach, make sure you have the success coaches contact information. If you are having a hard time contacting your student's success coach, contact:

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## SLHS EVENTS

- Open House Twice Per Year House.
- Jump Start Day
- Celebrations of Learning (2 times per year) I
- Community Input Session (2 times per year)
- Family Meetings (4 times a year)
- Family engagement Week (4 school year's registration packets for times a year) family members to sign.
- FAFSA + Scholarship Night (4 times per year)

## TITLE I INFORMATION

**Parent compact:** Each school year, SLHS staff and parents meet to develop a school/parent compact. This compact is an agreement of expectations from staff, parents and students to fulfill as members of the team that is working together to help students achieve. This compact will be reviewed and discussed during family meetings and also placed in the new

**Annual Meeting:** Every year we hold our annual Title 1 Meeting during our September Open House. during this meeting we discuss:

- Our participation in Title I
- Title I Requirements
- Parents right to be involved and ways to be involved
- Our school graduation
- We want your Involvement!

## Family Engagement Week Overview

### What are Family Engagement Weeks

- A crucial and intentional time for Success Coaches to hold meetings with students and family systems; a structured way to assess, support and monitor student's academic and personal development.
- A time where we can provide resources to support the family system.
- Take place four times throughout the year in October, December, March and May.

### Why Family Engagement Weeks are so Important

- We get a chance to meet with students and families individually.
- We are honoring our students and families as the experts.
- It is a time where students and families feel heard and empowered.
- Success Coaches and students are communicating in a collaborative way.

### Goals of Family Engagement Week

- 100% of families are contacted to schedule a meeting.
- 100% of contacts are documented in the Family Meeting Tracking Sheet.
- 80% of family meetings are completed - aim for 100%, but we understand that this may not be possible.

### Where Can I Have Meetings and How Long Should They Be

- Meeting locations should be scheduled to meet the needs of our students and families, within reason.
- Should run at least 30 minutes to ensure all information is being shared and covered thoroughly.
- Meetings can be held on campus, virtually, in the community or at the students home.

### How do I prepare for family meetings

- Organize your own calendar.
- Call/text/email multiple times to schedule and enlist the help of your students.
  - Calling once/just sending a text is not effort, make sure to call all contacts and document efforts.
  - If you have troubles contacting families, document all efforts.
- Have a scheduled place to meet and communicate with families.
- If you need a translator, please set that up before.
- Send calendar invites to parents/guardians with their scheduled times, not mandatory, but useful.

### How do I Run a Successful Family Meeting

- Follow and actively use the Family Meeting Checklist.
- Always thank the family for sharing information - they are showing trust in you and our school.
- Hold the meeting as you would want a meeting held for you or someone you love.
- Family meetings should stay positive and focused on the student. If you find the meeting drifting, validate and bring focus back to the student.
- Difficult conversations are addressed in a loving and caring way. It is ok to share areas of need.
- If the family does not show up to their meeting, attempt to reach out to reschedule and document.
- If a family member becomes upset or unruly, validate their feelings, and ask if you can get back on track. Verbal abuse is *never* ok. If a family member cannot be calmed down, immediately verbalize that the meeting is over and notify the Director of Student Support.

### Success Coach Expectations

- Success Coach is the leader of the week.
- Be prepared with information about the student, including academic updates, ability to speak about projects, and upcoming important events relevant to their student.
- If your meeting is on campus, your space should be clean and presentable.



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- Go over any supporting documents *and* walk them to the Resource area. Let's honor each family's need for support - some may prefer privacy.