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Campus Title I, Part A Written Parent and Family Engagement Policy
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East Early College High 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)

Statement of Purpose

East Early College High School (East Early College High) is committed to working together with parents, students the community and other stakeholders to improve student academic achievement. The goal of East Early College High is to ensure that all of its students graduate from high school ready to succeed in the college or career of their choice. We recognize that parents are valued partners in the educational process, serving as the child's first teacher in their early years of child development. Partnerships with· parents and the community are vital. Therefore, East Early College High encourages the participation of parents in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

East Early College High wants parents to:

- Stay informed about your child's academic progress,
- Work in partnership with school staff to help your child to achieve at the highest levels.
- Communicate with your child the importance of being prepared for college and a career.

Policy

East Early College High will convene an annual meeting (Open House) to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend. This meeting will inform parents of their school's participation under Title I, Part A, explain the requirements of the school under this part and the rights of parents.to be involved. In addition, we will host at least four Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings throughout the year and will rotate these meetings between morning and afternoon hours. East Early College High will involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I, Part A programs, including the parent involvement policy, through Shared Decision Making Committee (SDMC) meetings, PTO meetings/Title I Parent Meetings, the school marquee, the website, a school bulletin board located in the main office on the first floor, and conversations as needed.

East Early College High will provide parents a description and explanation of the Houston Independent School District's curriculum, state standards, all district and state assessments, and promotion standards. Parents may also request conferences regarding the education of their child at any time.

In addition, East Early College High will jointly develop with and distribute to parents a School-Parent Compact that outlines how the parents, students and school will partner, communicate and share the educational responsibility for every student. If requested by parents, East Early College High will create 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 suggestion as soon as practicably possible.

In order to build student and parent capacity for involvement, East Early College High will provide support, training and materials to help parents work with their children and, with the assistance from parents, will educate staff on the value of parent partnerships. A workshop will be held to train parents on understanding the new **STAAR** assessment and advice given on how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve achievement of students. To the extent feasible and appropriate, we will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with outside programs.

To expand the opportunity for full participation by all parents, including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and parents of migratory children, East Early College High will ensure that all school information is sent to parents in a format and language that parents can understand.

If the school-wide program is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, East Early College High will submit parents' comments on the plan to the Department of External Funding and revise the plan as advised by the HISD Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Program Administrator or designee.

This school Parental Involvement Policy has been developed and approved jointly with parents of children participating in the Title I, Part A program, as evidenced by SIP meeting minutes.