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Campus Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2025-2026

North Houston Early College High School (NHECHS) is located across from the Northline campus of Houston Community College (HCC). We provide a unique opportunity for:

- Low-income youth
- First-generation college students
- English Learners (ELs)
- Students of color
- Others underrepresented in higher education

At NHECHS, students can earn both a **high school diploma and a tuition-free associate degree**, or up to two years of college credit toward a bachelor's degree.

🎓 Our Commitment

We are dedicated to the success of every student in our community. Parents, teachers, and staff **share the responsibility** for improving academic achievement.

Our parental involvement efforts follow **Section 1116(b)(1) and (5)** of the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)** and the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**. We ensure that all parents—**including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, or migratory backgrounds**—have full and equal opportunities to participate in their child's education. All school reports and information are provided in clear, understandable formats, with translations and alternate formats available upon request.

🤝 Parent Engagement Meetings

In accordance with **Section 1116(c)(2)**, NHECHS invites all parents and guardians of students in Title I programs to participate in **multiple meetings and events**—offered both in the morning and evening.

These events include:

- Annual Title I Meeting
- Open House
- College Night
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meetings
- Grade-Level Meetings
- Parent University
- Parent Engagement Sessions
- Coffee and Sweet Breads with the Principal

At these events, families are encouraged to:

- Help **plan, review, and improve Title I programs.**
- Participate in updating the **School-Parent and Family Engagement Policy**
- Take part in the **development of the Schoolwide Program Plan** under Section 1114(b)

🗓️ **Meeting dates for the 2025–2026 school year will be posted on the NHECHS website:**

🔗 **https://nhechs.houstonisd.org**

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📘 What Parents Can Expect at Meetings

At these events, families will receive:

- **Timely information** on Title I-funded programs:
  - PSAT/SAT Prep
  - Credit Recovery
  - Summer School
  - Tutorials and interventions
- **Curriculum overviews** and clear explanations of how student performance is measured.
- Updates on how NHECHS is performing in relation to **state and district assessments**, including:
  - STAAR End-of-Course (EOC)
  - TELPAS
  - PSAT and SAT
- Opportunities to **discuss and make suggestions** about the School Improvement Plan (SIP).
  - If parents are not satisfied with the plan, their comments will be submitted to HISD's External Funding Titles I, II, & IV Department. Revisions will follow district guidance.
- **Assistance with technology** and training on how to access school tools and student progress reports.

📄 Shared Responsibilities for Student Success

The **School-Parent Compact** is reviewed and/or revised **annually** by NHECHS families, teachers, and staff. It outlines how **parents, staff, and students** will share responsibility for supporting academic achievement and ensuring students meet high standards.

The compact includes:

- The **school's role** in providing high-quality instruction in a safe and supportive environment.
- The **parent's role** in supporting their child's learning and participating in educational decisions.
- The **student's responsibility** to take ownership of their learning and behavior.

The compact encourages ongoing family involvement by highlighting:

- **Parent-teacher conferences**
- **Progress reports/report cards**
- Use of **PowerSchool**
- Regular communication between home and school

It also ensures:

- All students have access to **Wi-Fi and laptops at home.**
- Faculty and staff provide **technological training** and support to families.

🏘️ Building Capacity for Family Involvement

At NHECHS, we are committed to building strong partnerships with families.

- All information—including this policy and the School-Parent Compact—is provided in **languages parents can understand**.
- **Title I notifications** are shared with students through their **Advocacy course**.
- **Educational workshops** help parents learn:
  - How to use **Parent Student Connect** to track progress
  - How to collaborate with teachers and school staff
  - How to participate in school decision-making

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For Teachers and Staff:
We provide professional development to help staff:

- Understand the value of family involvement
- Learn how to build strong school-family connections
- Recognize the role of parents as **equal partners** in education

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🏠 Home Visits

Home visits may be arranged in the following cases:

- A parent/guardian cannot come to school due to **illness or injury** and requests a face-to-face meeting
- A **valid phone number is not available**, and the school needs to make contact

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♿ Accessibility

NHECHS ensures that **parents with disabilities** can fully participate in all school activities by providing **handicap-accessible facilities** throughout the campus.

🎯 Our Goal

We want every student who walks through our doors to leave with:

- A **strong high school education**
- A **tuition-free associate degree**
- The confidence and skills to succeed in college and life

Together—as a **team of students, families, teachers, and staff**—we can make this happen.

📅 Policy Adoption and Distribution

This Parent and Family Engagement Policy was adopted by NHECHS on **May 7, 2025**, and will be in effect for the **2025–2026 school year**.
The policy will be:

- **Posted on the NHECHS website**
- **Sent home with students by August 31, 2025**

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