



Washington Technology Magnet School HS

2025-2026 Family Engagement Plan

Our mission is to **Inspire** students to **think critically**, pursue their **dreams** and **change the world**.

The goal of this plan is to increase student achievement through parental involvement.

The Family Engagement Plan (FEP) is organized into four impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school developed this plan together.

Welcoming Environment

Our school has staff member(s) available for families to discuss this plan and ask questions	• Cultural Specialist – Sylvia Perez • Administration – Principal Elias Oguz
Our school communicates with families in many ways.	• At Washington, you'll be greeted by Washington Staff that reflect the diversity of our school community and will do their best to help you as efficiently as possible. • Look for monthly Washington newsletters sent to our families via email and can be found at our website: https://washingtonhs.spps.org/ • Washington HS host an "Meet & Greet" event during the month of September to welcome families to the new school year, introduce parents to teachers & staff, programs and expectations of the new school year. • Washington HS holds an annual Title I meeting to inform parents about their school's participation in Title 1. Parents will be informed of Title 1, and the rights of families to be involved in the education of their children. • Information on our calendar of events and school activities can be found at our website: https://washingtonhs.spps.org/
The achievement gap, or rather the "opportunity gap," between students of color and white students in Saint Paul Public Schools is unacceptable. Our school is working to change practices and systems by identifying the barriers that make it harder for students of color to succeed and for their families to support their learning.	• Specific activities will be implemented such as the Washington Family Nights to encourage participation of more families, especially families from underserved populations. Instructional strategies designed to increase student achievement for all students and close the achievement gap can be found in our School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP). • We have a strong restorative practices program in our building. For more about our work on racial equity, contact: Robyn Strowder at robyn.strowder@spps.org

Transitions between schools can be challenging, and we work to help families as their children start and leave our school.	For new students and families, we support the transition by: • Inviting parents of incoming students to a Meet & Greet/Title I Annual Meeting. Open House September 18, 2025 • Welcoming prospective parents and students to visit our school during our SHOWCASE. January 2026. • Washington 9th Grade Counselor will assist with registration • Welcoming incoming ninth graders and their parents to a New Student Registration. September 2, 2025 • Link Crew/ New Student Orientation in Fall. • Continuous Link Crew /activities. • Parent Liaison serves as resource to parents and assist families with navigating Washington HS families. For students and families moving to the next school in pathway, we support the transition by: Washington HS Counselors work with each student in establishment of Naviance account and development of a six-year plan. • Washington HS provides field trip for students to College Fair in the fall of school year, and Washington HS hosts a College Fair in the spring of school year. Both Fairs include representatives from two year and four-year colleges and universities as well as technical training institutions. • Washington HS students have the option of PSEO course work in their junior and senior years. • Washington HS has a College and Career Resources Center available to students and families to support transition to student's next pathway.
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Family Partnerships

Our school-parent compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families, and students. Families and teachers work together to develop the compact.	Copies of the compact are available: • Compact will be shared at Meet & Greet • Compact will be available at Parent/Teacher Conferences • Compact will be available on our website • The compact will be updated: 2025-2026 • The compact will be updated: Fall 2025
There are many opportunities for families to build connections to the school and to each other.	• Title I Annual Meeting where we will share information about school programs will be held on September 18, 2025. • We continually explore additional options to fit the needs of our families. • Hmong New Year and Karen Parent Night

	- Quarterly Family meetings with sessions on topics of interest to parents including school and community information. February 26, 2026, and April 23, 2026. - National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) will be on Monday, February 9, 2026.
We work to make these meetings and events available for every family in the school.	- We have staff members that speak Hmong, Karen, Somali, and Spanish; contact them through the school office. - Conferences can be scheduled with teachers during the school day, before school, after school, and on certain evenings.
Our school supports families as advocates and provides opportunities for parent leadership.	- Parents are encouraged to contact their children's teachers if they are having difficulties in school. If they are still having difficulties, contact the grade level counselor or administrator. - Through our Equity Work and Professional Development, Washington staff are trained to work with students and families from various racial and cultural backgrounds. - Parents are informed of and provide input for our improvement efforts including our School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP) through Parent Meetings - We will offer a flexible number of meetings/activities and may provide with Title I funds, interpreting services, home visits as deemed necessary to help remove barriers to parent/guardian participation in school meetings and activities.

Teaching and Learning

Our school shares information about state standards, assessment and student achievement with families in multiple ways	- Parents can look at Schoology to look at student grades and assignments. - Progress reports available online through CAMPUS on a monthly basis. - Parent Portal is kept currently by Washington HS teachers. - Parents are invited to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences to learn about their student's academic progress and goals for the school year. They will also receive information about what their child is learning in each of their classes. - Washington HS Counselor provide parents/guardians regular information on student progress and toward graduation, including credit and standardized test information. Parent/Teacher Conferences October - 9 & 14 Grades 9-12 - Fall March 5 & 10 Grades 9-11 Spring - 2026 May - TBD Grades 12 Spring - TBD
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Our school will engage families in Personalized Learning as a key strategy to accelerate student achievement, as these changes come to our school	Schoology is available to all parents to use. Information and support for using this is available at the Parent/Teacher Conference Events.
Many after-school enrichment and support opportunities are available for students	All students at Washington participate over 100 classes are offered each quarter in academic support, and enrichment areas.

Community Partnerships

Our school develops community partnerships to provide additional support for students and their families	- Washington partners with the following Community Organizations to work with students and parents to promote engagement and academic achievement - American Red Cross - Como Park Zoo - Dental Clinic (services available at school) - Health Start Clinic (health services available at school) - Hmong American Partnership - Karen Organization of Minnesota - Keystone Community Services - League of Women Voters - Metropolitan State and UW River Falls Upward Bound - Minnesota Science Museum - Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association - Rice Street Athletic Council - Sanneh Foundation (academic support) - St. Paul Parks and Recreation - St. Paul Public Library - Thad Wilderson and Associates (mental health support) - Tickets for Kids - Washington High School 50+ Club - Wilder Foundation (mental health)
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This plan is available as part of our school's SCIP, or School Comprehensive Improvement Plan at scip.spps.org, it is on our school website at <https://washingtonhs.spps.org/> and printed copies are available in the office.

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