

Dothan High School

2025-2026

Parent Involvement / Family / Community Engagement Plan

Dothan High School recognizes that active parent involvement is essential to student academic success. Our administration and faculty are dedicated to enhancing Family Engagement through a range of opportunities for parents to engage in their children's education. We aim to foster strong partnerships between families, the school, and the community with the following initiatives:

1. Collaborative Engagement Plan: Work together with parents to create, agree upon, and distribute a comprehensive Family/Community Engagement Plan that clearly outlines goals and expectations.
2. Active Participation in Events: Promote involvement in Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) events, including meetings, community events, and performances, and actively encourage participation in school-sponsored activities organized by Parent Involvement Specialists (PIS).
3. Feedback Mechanisms: Create annual surveys and online questionnaires for parents to share ideas, concerns, and suggestions for improving the educational experience. Results will be analyzed and shared transparently with the community.
4. Accessible Communication: Ensure all written materials and communications are available in multiple languages to accommodate non-English speaking families.
5. Support for School Events: Encourage parents to attend school activities and leverage their unique skills and resources to support and enrich the educational programs offered at Dothan High School.
6. Interpreter Services: Provide qualified interpreters during school meetings when language support is needed to facilitate clear communication.
7. Flexible Meeting Times: Schedule a variety of parent meetings at different times, including mornings, afternoons, evenings, and during lunch hours, to accommodate diverse schedules and ensure maximum participation.
8. Curriculum Transparency: Offer clear descriptions and explanations of the curriculum, assessment methods, and student proficiency benchmarks to keep parents informed about their child's academic progress.
9. Parent Training: Organize workshops and training sessions to equip parents with strategies and resources to effectively support their children's learning and academic achievement at home.
10. Removing Barriers: Utilize Title I Funds to provide necessary resources such as transportation, tutoring, and home visits, ensuring all parents have the opportunity to participate in school activities and meetings.

Title I Involvement:

At Dothan High School, administrators, faculty, and parents collaboratively develop, review, revise, and implement the School Improvement Plan, Title I Family Engagement Plan, and School Compact in accordance with legal requirements and Dothan City Schools guidelines. To enhance capacity for parent and community involvement, Dothan High School will undertake the following initiatives:

1. Annual Title I Parent Meeting: Host an Annual Title I Parent Meeting alongside additional parent meetings at flexible times to ensure maximum participation. Actively seek feedback from parents and address their questions and concerns promptly.
2. Accessible Communication: Ensure all communications are provided in formats and languages that are easily understandable for all families, fostering inclusivity.
3. Parent Visitation Month: Encourage parents to observe school programs and visit classrooms during October's Parent Visitation Month to strengthen connections between home and school.
4. Regular Updates: Maintain consistent communication with parents through various platforms, including PowerSchool, phone or text updates, student progress reports, school newsletters, the school website, Zoom meetings, mail or email, Remind, Google Classroom, and a monthly calendar or social media.
5. Scheduled Conferences: Offer regular parent-teacher conferences as well as additional conferences upon request to discuss student progress and address academic concerns.
6. Performance Transparency: Share assessment results along with district and school performance data with parents and community stakeholders to inform them about student achievement and areas for improvement.
7. Access to Policies and Curriculum: Ensure parents and community members have easy access to Local Education Agency (LEA) policies and curriculum information, promoting transparency in educational processes.
8. Information Board: Develop a dedicated information board that displays current events, updates, and timely notices about school activities and academic programs.
9. Distribution of Engagement Plans: Provide copies of the Dothan High School Family/Community Engagement Plan and the Title I Parent Involvement Plan to parents and community stakeholders.
10. Curriculum Understanding: Organize meetings and activities to help parents understand the curriculum, academic assessments, and student proficiency levels, empowering them to support their children effectively.
11. Community Partnerships: Forge partnerships with local organizations and businesses to enhance student achievement, actively seeking volunteers and donations to support school needs.
12. Coordinated Activities: Integrate activities and programs that engage parents and the community to create a unified effort toward enhancing student success.
13. Encouragement of Participation: Invite parents to join and take an active role in Dothan High School activities, fostering a strong school community.

To ensure that parents of Dothan High School actively participate in our programs, we will implement the following strategies:

1. Annual Title I Meeting: Host an annual meeting to outline Title I requirements, explain the school's involvement in the Title I program, and inform parents of their rights to participate.
2. Flexible Meeting Times: Offer parent meetings at various times—morning, afternoon, and evening—to accommodate different schedules and encourage attendance.
3. Collaborative Development Opportunities: Create avenues for parents to collaboratively develop, review, and revise the Dothan High School Parent-School Compact, the Family/Community Engagement Plan, and the School Improvement Plan.
4. Feedback Mechanism: Provide consistent opportunities for parents to offer suggestions and comments regarding the Parent-School Compact, Family/Community Engagement Plan, and School Improvement Plan while ensuring a timely response to their input.
5. Timely Distribution of Plans: Distribute copies of the Parent-School Compact and the Family/Community Engagement Plan to all students, parents, and community stakeholders promptly, ensuring appropriate signatures are collected.
6. Ongoing Involvement: Facilitate organized, ongoing, and timely opportunities for parents to engage in planning and reviewing school programs.
7. Access to Support Services: Connect parents with community and support services that can assist them and their children.
8. Curriculum and Assessment Meetings: Offer meetings that explain the curriculum, assessments, formative evaluations, and expected student proficiency levels, helping parents understand educational standards.
9. Suggestion and Decision Meetings: Hold regular meetings for parents to share suggestions, engage in decision-making processes, and receive timely responses to their inquiries.
10. Communication of Responses: Address parent suggestions, questions, and concerns through newsletters and other written and phone communications to keep them informed.
11. Professional Development Opportunities: Provide parents the chance to participate in professional development programs available to both staff and parents, enhancing their understanding of educational practices.
12. Support for ELL Parents: Offer specialized information for English Language Learner (ELL) parents to support their children's attainment of English proficiency and academic success.
13. Ongoing Engagement in Review Processes: Engage parents in a systematic and timely manner to help plan and review the Dothan High School Family/Community Engagement Plan effectively.

14. **Scheduled Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Organize scheduled parent-teacher conferences throughout the school year to discuss student progress and review the School-Compact. Additional conferences will be arranged upon request to meet individual needs.

15. **Timely Information on Parent Programs:** Ensure that parents receive timely updates regarding available programs, workshops, and events designed to support their engagement and knowledge about their children's education.

16. **Community Resources Information:** Provide parents with up-to-date information on community resources and support services available to both parents and students, helping them access assistance for various needs.