Hillcrest Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

Hillcrest Elementary is identified as a Title I school aspart of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to reinforce and enhance efforts in improving teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent involvement.

Title I schools must jointly develop a written Parent & Family Engagement Policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Hillcrest Elementary School (HCES) will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement tosupportstudentlearning. HCES values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that HCES will support parent and family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

HCES invited all families to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, the school improvement plan/schoolwide plan, and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through a form available in the Parent Resource Center. The plan is posted on our school website for parents and families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. HCES will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is included in the digital copy of the student handbook that can be found on the school website. Copies of the plan will be available at our Annual Title I Parent Meeting at the beginning of the year. The plan is also housed in the Parent Resource Room.

2026-2027 District Goals

Goal 1: Strengthen High-Quality Instruction and Student Achievement

Goal 2: Foster a Supportive, Engaging, and Future-Ready Learning Environment

Goal 3: Build Professional Capacity Through Collaborative Leadership and Data-Driven Practices

District Values

Connection	Equity
Achievement	Resilience
Integrity	Compassion

School-Parent Compacts

Aspart of this plan,HCESand our families will develop school-parent compacts by grade level. These are agreements that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explain how all parties work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards and goals. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually with feedback from parents, students and teachers during the beginning of each school year.

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Let's Get Together!

Hillcrest Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent & family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Many meetings will be offered at 2 different times to accommodate our families. We may also be able to offer childcare during meetings if needed. Please call our office about this service.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting –Beginning of the Year

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will come home in Tuesday folders, will be posted on the website, and mentioned in grade level newsletters.

Family Events –Various times during the year

HCES will host fun, family events throughout the year. Please check the Parent-Student handbook for more information about these events. Information about these events will also be shared in Tuesday folders, posted on our website, and mentioned in grade level newsletters.

Some of these events include Open House, Goodies with Grandparents, Fall Festival, Field Day, and Lunch and Learns.

Parent Workshops –Various times during the year

Families are invited, at various times throughout the school year, to attend parent workshops. For example, parents will gain valuable information about testing during our Annual GMAS Workshop. We will host a minimum of 2 academic workshops during the year. Workshop topics are offered based on parents' suggestions in our annual survey.

K-5th Parent conference days –Fall and Spring

K-2nd grade parents are invited to individual parentconferences twice a year to discuss their student's academic progress. In the fall, parents of 3rd-5th grade students are invited to parent conferences to discuss their student's academic progress. In addition to these set conference times, all parents are welcome to conference with their child's teacher as often as desired throughout the year.

School Improvement Forum–2nd Semester

We againinvite you toan evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including changes and updates to our parent and family engagement policy, school improvement plan/schoolwide plan, the family engagement budget, and a review of our CCRPI data. Invitations will come home in Tuesday folders, be posted on the website, and noted in grade level newsletters.

Parent Resource Center

Our parent resource center is located in a room to the right down the main hallway. Come to look through the pamphlets on a variety of topics or use the computer to find other resources.

Hours of operation are 7:30-2:30.

Parent & Family Engagement

HCES believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of families in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities ensuring:

- That parents & families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents & families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education atschool.
- That parents & families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

HCES is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.
Please call or email us if you miss a meeting and would like a copy of the minutes.

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Simply the Best

Hillcrest Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents & families as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

√ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in grade level newsletters and in Tuesday folders. We will also be sure information is posted on the school website for parents.

√ Provide regular information for staff during faculty meetings and in staff updates on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.

√ Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

√ Partner with parents sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.

✓ Share information in grade level newsletters and on the website for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.

√ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.

√ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement.

√ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.

√ Provide translated materials and interpreters during meetings and conferences to the extent possible to help parents work with their child to improve achievement.

√ Use our Partners in Education, School Council, and Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.

✓Collect feedback from parents at all events and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Family Liaison

We have a Family Liaison in our building who strives to strengthen ties between home and school. Tina Anderson is an asset to our school and will be available to parents based on needs. She will coordinate parent programs, and maintain the necessary Title I documentation for the system and state.

Title 1 Parent Advisory Council

HCES invitesall parents to join the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The council will meet several times during the school year. Dates will be posted on our website, and invites to meetings will come home in Tuesday folders each month. If you'd like to know about the PAC, please contact Mrs. Anderson

OR

complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

Title 1 Parent Advisory Council

- *Yes, I aminterestedandwishtojointheParentAdvisory Council (PAC)*
- *Please contact me so I can learn more joining the PAC*
- *Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates*

Name: ____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel isnot satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please complete the form at the link below.