Hollis Hand Elementary School

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

HollisHandElementaryisidentified as a Title I school as part of the Every StudentSucceeds 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 and Family Engagement Policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Hollis Hand Elementary School (HHES) will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. HHES 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 HHES will support parent and family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

HHES invites all families to attend our annual School Improvement Forum to review and revise this parent & family engagement policy, the school improvement policy, and the parental involvement budget. The spring 2026 School Improvement Forum was held in-person in the Hollis Hand cafeteria. In addition to the annual School Improvement Forum, 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 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. HHES 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 student handbook that posted on our school website. The plan is also housed in the Parent Resource Room. Copies are available upon request in the front office.

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

As part of this plan, HHES and our families will develop school-parent compacts, which are agreements that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explain how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the beginning of each school year. Parents will receive a copy of the compact to keep at home. Compacts will also be reviewed with parents during the year.

Let's Get Together!

Hollis Hand Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for families will be offered at 2 different times to accommodate our families.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting –Fall 2026

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, reminders will be displayed on electronic marquee in cafeteria for visitors.

Educational Parent Workshops–Throughout the Year

Hollis Hand will offer a minimum of two academic workshops designed to inform parents on how to better help their students be successful in school. Invitations will be sent through Tuesday folders, will be posted on the website, mentioned in grade level newsletters, and reminders will be displayed on electronic marquee in cafeteria for visitors.

Various Family Engagement Opportunities–Throughout the Year

We invite you to various events at Hollis Hand that will occur throughout the school year, including Bingo Math Night, Family Literacy Night, Field Day, and Fine Arts Performances such as Veterans Day, Christmas Play, Black History, and Honor's Day programs. Invitations will come home in Tuesday folders, will be posted on the website, mentioned in grade level newsletters, and reminders will be displayed on electronic marquee in cafeteria for visitors.

School Improvement Forum-Spring 2027

We invite HHES families to an evening of sharing and seeking input, thoughts, and ideas in regards to our school improvement plan, our Parent & Family Engagement Policy, and our Title I budget for the next school year. Invitations will come home in Tuesday folders, will be posted on the website, mentioned in grade level newsletters, and reminders will be displayed on electronic marquee in cafeteria for visitors.

Parent Resource Center

Our parent resource center is located in the conference room in the front lobby. 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

Hollis Hand Elementary School believes that parent and family engagement means the active participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. This includes ensuring

- Parents and families play an integral role in supporting their child's learning.
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents and families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees.
- Parents and families assist in carrying out other activities as described in this plan.

HHES 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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A Special Place To Be

Hollis Hand Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and 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 shared in grade-level newsletters and Tuesday folders.
- ✔ Information will also be posted on the school website, social media outlets, reminders sent through SchoolStatus, and displayed on the school marquee.
- ✔ Provide regular information for staff during faculty meetings and 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.
- ✔ Utilize our Partners in Education, School Council, and Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to increase awareness of the activities and events outlined in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✔ Partner with Head Start and early reading programs by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sharing school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare families and children for kindergarten and support successful school transitions.
- ✔ Share information in grade-level newsletters and on the school website to help families understand academic standards and assessments, as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✔ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✔ Work with parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations that educate staff on the importance of parent and family engagement.
- ✔ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents support their child's academic achievement.
- ✔ Collect feedback from parents at all events and maintain a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to requests for additional parent and family engagement support.

Family Liaison

Donna Haralson is our Family Liaison. She strives to strengthen ties between home and school. Her main goals are to be available to parents based on their needs, coordinate parent programs, and maintain the necessary Title I documentation for the system and state.

Title 1 Parent Advisory Council

HHES invites all 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 monthly during the school year. Dates will be posted on ourwebsite and Social Media.
If you'd like to know about thePAC, please contactthe school or complete the interest formand leaveit in the main office.

Title 1 Parent Advisory Council

- *Yes, I aminterested andwishto join theTitle 1 ParentAdvisoryCouncil (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:_____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestionsor if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please complete the form at the link below.