

Knox County Virtual Family & Community Engagement Plan

Knox County Virtual School will hold an annual meeting at a convenient time, to which all families will be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform families of the school's participation in the Family and Community Engagement Plan and to explain the requirements, as well as the right of families to be involved.

Communication:

- Families will receive communication throughout the school year in a timely manner and in a language they can understand, through ParentSquare.
- Communication includes information regarding:
 - School programs and events
 - How to monitor your student's academic progress
 - School updates and important upcoming dates
 - Support for families to understand topics such as academic standards, important academic requirements, and state and local academic assessments
 - Information about opportunities to work with teachers to improve the achievement of your child, including parent-teacher conference windows/dates and other student support meetings
- Knox County Virtual School will build the school's and families' capacity for family engagement by:
 - Developing strategies and supports for effective communication with teachers and school leaders to increase family engagement
 - Welcoming and valuing family input and contributions regarding their child's academic success and valuing families as equal partners in the decision-making process.

Learning at Home:

- The school will hold an annual beginning-of-year Open House event with multiple sessions to allow more opportunities for families to conveniently attend and to maximize family participation. At this event, families and students learn about how to appropriately and effectively use technology to support learning at home. Other best practices for at-home learning are also shared. Families also learn what to do in the event of a technology

issue and how they will receive support from the school.

- Teachers additionally hold orientation sessions at the start of the school year to share content-specific at-home learning strategies and other curriculum-related activities.

Additional Opportunities for Family and Community Engagement:

- Partnering with local organizations such as Cub Scouts to provide events in the community for students and families.
- Academic family nights such as FAFSA, Rising Senior, Rising Junior, Rising Sophomore, and Rising Freshman informational meetings, and Informational meetings to support the transition from middle to high school
- Encouraging parent and student input via surveys throughout the school year
- Partnering with the community to provide resources such as Thanksgiving baskets and/or Angel Tree

