Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Sharpstown International School

2026-2027 Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Program Policy	
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What is it?	Sharpstown International School continues to build on its tradition of academic achievement, international-mindedness, and student success. As an International Baccalaureate World School, the campus is committed to preparing students for success in college, careers, and life while supporting Houston ISD's Destination 2035 vision of ensuring every student graduates with the skills, opportunities, and choices needed to thrive in a global society.
Funding	The budget includes purchases for the following materials: Curriculum documents (Lead4ward resources); DOL trackers; Ontrack reports; SPOT form lessons; math school supplies; instructional materials; Summit K12 and IXL digital platforms; manipulatives for special education population; Sped GLC after school; and substitutes for classroom coverage. Title I funds will be allocated for the implementation of the parent and family engagement program.
Review	The use of funding and activities can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the needs of the Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Program.
Family Meetings	The meetings will be offered in person on the following dates: *Annual Tittle I Meeting Option 1: Wednesday, September 23rd at 9:00 am in Room E7 *Annual Tittle I Meeting Option 2: Friday, September 10th at 4:15 pm in Room E7. Other meetings, such as the Fall and Spring Parent Meetings, will be posted on ParentSquare.
How to Be Involved	*Become an active member of Sharpstown International School Title I Committee. *Attend meetings and school activities throughout the year. *Use ParentSquare to stay connected to your child's school events. *Check the school calendar for information on non-school days and holidays. *Participate in the different programs, activities, and workshops offered throughout the year by the Sunrise Centers.

Family Trainings/Activities	Family trainings are opportunities for family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. Activate your ParentSquare account to stay informed on upcoming events and activities. Middle School Meet the Teachers - August 7, 2026 4:30pm-5:30pm Open House - September 17, 2026 5:00pm-7:00pm College Fair - October 8, 2026 6:00pm-8:00pm Meet the Principal - October 14, 2026 5:00pm-6:00pm Literacy Night - November 19, 2026 4:30pm-5:30pm

Curriculum	Sharpstown International School uses the curriculum created by the HISD Curriculum Department and digital resources that include Summit K12, IXL, and Khan Academy.
Forms of Academic Assessments	Assessments include NWEA MAP assessments, Class DOLs, STAAR, EOC, TSI, PSAT, SAT, and TELPAS.
Expected Achievement Levels on Academic Assessments	In 2025, Sharpstown International School earned an overall accountability rating of 93 (A) from the Texas Education Agency. The State's Performance Standards can be found on the website https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessemnt/testing/staar-performance.
Ways to Request Regular Meetings	Guardians can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns by attending parent meetings posted on ParentSquare. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns. Please contact the school by calling the main office number or by communicating via ParentSquare.

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PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Sharpstown International School believes that meaningful family engagement is essential to student achievement. Families are valued partners in the educational process, and the school is committed to creating opportunities for parents and guardians to participate in their child's education, understand academic expectations, communicate with school staff, and contribute to campus decision-making.

As a Title I school, Sharpstown International School will work collaboratively with families to develop, review, and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact. The school will provide parents and families with opportunities to provide feedback regarding campus programs, instructional priorities, student achievement, and the overall educational experience of students.

Sharpstown International School will host two Title I Parent Meetings each school year - one during the fall semester and one during the spring semester. During these meetings, families will receive information about Title I programs and requirements, parent rights, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the School-Parent Compact, campus academic priorities, student achievement, and opportunities for parent participation.

The campus will also host an Open House during the fall semester. Open House provides families with an important opportunity to meet their child's teachers, learn what students are expected to learn in each course, understand classroom and academic expectations, and learn specific ways they can support their student's success throughout the school year.

Parent-teacher conferences are available throughout the school year by appointment. Parents and guardians are encouraged to communicate regularly with teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school personnel regarding their student's academic progress, attendance, behavior, and overall success.

SHARED DECISION-MAKING AND PARENT FEEDBACK

Sharpstown International School recognizes that parent and community voice is an important part of campus improvement and decision-making. The campus will conduct four Shared Decision-Making Committee (SDMC) meetings throughout the school year. During these meetings, members will review and provide input regarding the campus Action Plan, budget, instructional updates, student academic progress, campus initiatives, and other matters affecting students and the school community.

The campus will provide multiple opportunities for families to share feedback, including SDMC meetings, parent surveys, Coffee with the Principal, Title I meetings, parent information sessions, and direct communication with campus administration. Feedback will be used to identify family needs, strengthen school programs, and improve communication and engagement.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Sharpstown International School does not currently have an established Parent Teacher Organization (PTO); however, the campus is in the process of creating one. The PTO will provide an additional forum for family voice and participation and will help strengthen partnerships among families, the school, and the community.

Families will be invited to participate in the development of the PTO and its future activities.

COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

Sharpstown International School is committed to consistent, timely, and accessible communication between home and school. Communication methods will include ParentSquare messages, parent newsletters, the school website, progress reports and report cards, parent conferences, campus meetings, and letters sent home when necessary.

The campus will offer parent sessions to assist families with establishing and using PowerSchool and ParentSquare. Families will receive support with accessing student grades, attendance information, academic progress, school announcements, and other important information.

BUILDING PARENT CAPACITY TO SUPPORT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Sharpstown International School will provide parent learning opportunities designed to give families practical tools for supporting student achievement. Sessions will include information about supporting students academically at home and understanding the campus's acceleration resources, including IXL, Summit K12, Khan Academy, and other district- or campus-approved instructional resources.

Families will learn the purpose of these resources, how students use them, and how parents can encourage and monitor their student's use of these tools.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

Because Sharpstown International School serves students in grades 6-12, the campus will provide families with information and resources to help students successfully prepare for graduation and postsecondary opportunities.

Parent information sessions and activities may include information about credits required for graduation, graduation plans and requirements, important assessments connected to postsecondary planning, college and career readiness, college application processes, college fairs, financial aid, scholarships, and other resources that help students prepare for college, career, and life after high school.

Families will also receive information regarding opportunities and programs available to students that support college and career readiness.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND STUDENT PROGRESS

Families will receive information throughout the year regarding student academic performance, classroom grades, formative and summative assessments, and applicable measures of student achievement, including STAAR/EOC, NWEA MAP, TELPAS, AP, SAT, TSI, IB, and other campus or district assessments.

The campus will communicate information regarding tutorials, acceleration, interventions, academic programs, graduation requirements, and other supports available to students. Families are encouraged to ask questions about their student's progress and work collaboratively with teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school personnel to identify appropriate supports when needed.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Sharpstown International School recognizes that student success is a shared responsibility among the school, families, and students. The campus will maintain a School-Parent Compact that explains how school staff, parents and guardians, and students share responsibility for improving student academic achievement.

Accessibility and Family Support

Sharpstown International School is committed to ensuring that all parents and guardians have meaningful opportunities to participate in their student's education.

Families who need translation, interpretation, accessibility accommodations, or other support to participate in conferences, meetings, school activities, or other family-engagement opportunities are encouraged to contact the school so appropriate assistance can be provided.