



2020-2021 Horizon Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
Every Student Succeeds Act Section 1116

Mission Statement

The mission of the Clint Independent School District is to prepare all students to be successful citizens. The District will work in partnership with the community and the family to create opportunities for *the student* to maximize their personal potential.

Annual Goals

1. The District will be a model of high standards for student academic excellence.
2. The District will ensure a safe well-disciplined positive learning environment for all students.
3. The District will operate efficiently being fiscally responsible.
4. The District will become the employer of choice in order to seek and retain effective personnel.
5. *The District will include parents, community, and business members in the education of all students.*

Clint Independent School District will be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement:

Parent and family engagement are defined as the participation of parents and family members in a regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parent are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- Parents 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.

In support to improve student academic excellence, Clint ISD has developed this parent and family engagement policy that establishes the district's expectations for parental involvement and guides the strategies and resources that will strengthen school and parent partnerships. This policy will describe Clint ISD commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity of its schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities outlined in the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) and in the District Improvement Plan (DIP) to help achieve student academic excellence.

1. Horizon Middle School shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5)

Horizon Middle School will:

- Convene an annual Parent and Family Engagement Policy meeting at a time that is convenient for parents/family of participating children where parents are able to voice and participate in the review and adaption of the PFE policy.
 - 2020-2021 School Year held meeting via google meets to evaluation and review PFE
 - July 31, 2020
- Engage parents and family in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, in the planning, review, and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
 - This includes the planning, review, and adapting for the overall improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy, as well as the joint development of the school-wide program/plan where parents/family, school, and community members participate.
 - Parents/Family are given access to PFE via school website
 - Parent/Family during meeting chat/text added remarks for change, concerns, and agreement during evaluation meeting
 - Parent/Family also emailed annotated copies of PFE Mr. Vasquez and Ms. Gomez with their comments and suggestions
 - PFE is posted in English and Spanish on HMS website as well as any collaborating documents
- Invite parents and family with enough notice so may plan to attend the meeting
 - Via flyer, marquee, school website, and mass outcall, text, and email.
- PFE Policy Mission Statement
 - *Horizon Middle School's Parent and Family Engagement mission is to empower parents and family members with opportunities to improve student achievement by involving parents and family members, school's educators, also to include community partnerships for the overall betterment of students at Horizon Middle School and consequently preparing students for post-secondary*

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- Horizon Middle School shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved; Section 1116 (c)(1)

Horizon Middle School will:

- Convene PFE Policy/Title I meetings via google meets
 - Faculty and Staff Title I informational Meeting
 - During Faculty and Staff Meeting
 - Provide a make-up session for those who cannot attend
 - Parents and Family
 - Invite parents and family with enough notice so may plan to attend the meetings
 - Invite parents and family members via flyer, class dojo, marquee, school website, and mass outcall.
 - Mr. Vasquez Assistant Principal will convene meetings for faculty/staff and parents/family
- Horizon Middle School shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement (in order to provide these activities, they must be addressed in the Campus Needs Assessment and the Campus Improvement Plan); Section 1116 (c)(2)

Horizon Middle School will:

- Offer a flexible number of meetings via google meets in the morning and evening hours
 - Provide with parent and family engagement funds parent workshops such as:
 - Family Communication provided by Live & Love
 - Counselor lead parental involvement meetings such as healthy relationships and cyber safety
 - Principal lead coffee with the principal meetings
 - STAAR Testing
 - Attendance
 - Grading
 - Covid-19/Distance Learning
 - Provide services related to parent and family engagement through parent/family meetings and workshops.
 - Thus, providing opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children
 - Invite parents and family with enough notice so may plan to attend the meetings
 - Via flyer, social media (Facebook), marquee, school website, and mass outcall, email, and text.
 - Home visits conducted in order to assist parents/families in their student's educational needs
 - Conducted by school's administrators, counselors, CIS, and SRO
 - No transportation and child care provided at this time due meetings are via google meets and safety due to Covid-19
- Horizon Middle School shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children this could include the site base committee; Section 1116 (c)(3)

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Horizon Middle School will:

- Convene an annual Parent and Family Engagement Policy meeting at a time that is convenient for parents/family of participating children where parents are able to voice and participate in the review and adaption of the PFE policy.
 - 2020-2021 School Year held meeting via google meets to evaluation and review with the opportunity to revise the PFE policy
 - Meeting held on July 31, 2020

- Engage parents and family in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, in the planning, review, and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
 - This includes the planning, review, and adapting for the overall improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy, as well as the joint development of the school-wide program/plan where parents/family, school, and community members participate.
 - Invite parents in a timely manner to participate in the planning and review of the parent and family engagement policy
 - Flyers, social media, marquee, school website, and mass outcall, email, and text
 - With mass communication we are able to reach all demographics of our schools community and it is reflected in our meetings attendance
 - Provide various opportunities for parent/family to participate
 - Hold morning and evening meetings
 - HMS invites parents and has parent representative on SBC and the development and quarterly review of the CIP
 - Parent Representative: Angelica Meza
 - Provide any communication to parents in English and Spanish
5. Horizon Middle School shall provide parents of participating children—
(A) send information about programs or activities under this part with enough time this way parents and family can plan to assist;
(B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
(C) if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible;
Section 1116 (c)(4)

Horizon Middle School will provide:

- Provide meetings at convenient times for parents
 - Hold morning and evening meetings via google meets
 - Invite parents and family via flyers, social media, marquee, school website, and mass outcall, email, and text
 - With mass communication we are able to reach all demographics of our schools community and it is reflected in our meetings attendance
 - Provide favorable circumstances and opportunities for parent involvement in campus decision making such Site Based Decision Making Committee and development and quarterly review of CIP
 - Provide opportunity for parents/family to develop both Title I Parent Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Plan
 - Provide opportunity for parents/family to have access to educators and contribute to the HMS learning community
 - Provide opportunity for parents/family to contribute and participate in their student's academic success
 - Via parent meetings and workshops, open house, parent conferences, and PFE
 - Provide assistance for parents/family in understanding in such topics as:
 - Texas student academic achievement standards
 - Texas and local academic assessment
 - Monitor student progress via Parent Portal on Skyward
 - Guidance how to work and communicate with educators to improve the achievement of the student/s
 - State attendance requirements
 - Via parental involvement meetings and coffee with the principal
 - Via committee representation and attendance in SBC meetings and CIP meetings
6. If the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the district staff responsible for the CIP. Section 1116 (c)(5)
- HMS invites parents and has parent representative on SBC and the development and quarterly review of the CIP
 - Meeting Held September 16, 2020
 - Parent Representative: Angelica Meza
 - Parents/family are given ample opportunity to discuss and comment on the CIP
 - Comments and suggestions are then directed to school's leadership
 - Parent meeting and Coffee with the principal where various components of the campus improvement as discussed parents/family
 - Provide any communication to parents in English and Spanish

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, shall: Section 1116 (e)
- (i) provide information to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(1)
- Provide assistance for parents/family in understanding in such topics as:
 - Texas student academic achievement standards
 - Texas and local academic assessment
 - Monitor student progress via Parent Portal on Skyward
 - Guidance how to work and communicate with educators to improve the achievement of the student/s
 - Open House
 - Parent/Teacher conferences
 - State attendance requirements
 - Via parental involvement meetings and coffee with the principal
 - Via committee representation and attendance in SBC meetings and CIP meetings
 - (ii) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(2)
 - Provide parents with informational meets and works
 - ESL Nights
 - Provide presentations for parents/family
 - Live & Love presentations on communication and affirmations
 - Parent Meetings and Coffee with the principal
 - Various topics: academics and Personal Social
 - Cyber safety, STAAR testing, Attendance
 - Utilize materials appropriate for parent/family presentations
 - Parent/Family Conferences
 - Parent/Family access to educators
 - Ensure parents serve on various committees such as SBC
 - Community outreach and parent presentations via Community in Schools
 - (iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; Section 1116 (e)(3)
 - Present faculty and staff during Pit Stop Fridays and Faculty Meetings Training on Parent/Family Engagement and Title I
 - Ensure parents/family participate in various committees
 - PFE, LPAC, SBC, and CIP
 - Parents are able to voice concerns and comments in development of documents such as the CIP and PFE
 - Coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities that teach parents how to help their children at home
 - The school's programs help teachers, administrators, and other staff work well with parents. The school will also develop other activities that encourage and support parents more fully by participating in the education of their children:
 - Have parent/family information meetings
 - Attendance, Grades, State and Local Testing
 - Parent/Family Workshops and Conferences
 - Live & Love: Family Communication

(iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children;

Section 1116 (e)(4)

- Horizon Middle School Provides
 - ESL Night
 - Provides presenters for parents/family
 - Live & Love Presentations
 - Coffee with the Principal
 - Parental Involvement Meetings
 - Utilize materials appropriate for parent/family presentations
 - School and District Resources
 - Parent/Family Conferences/Workshops
 - Parent/Family access to educators
 - Ensure parents serve on various committees
 - CIP, LPAC, SBC

(v) Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14)

- Parent Access to computers
- Parent Informational Meetings:
 - SEL Lessons-Suicide Awareness, Bullying, Healthy Relationships, Safety

The Horizon Middle School parent and family engagement policy has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed upon with parents of participating children and school staff on July 31, 2020 as evidenced by meeting minutes, and will be in effect for the period of the 2020-2021 school year. The school policy and school-parent-student compact will be distributed to all parents of participating children during both Open House scheduled on October 2020 (Fall Open House) and February 2021 (Spring Open House). Horizon Middle School will use various means of communication (district/school websites, correspondence, Open House, newsletters, parent meetings, Facebook, Twitter, Class Dojo app, Remind app, and other forms of communication) to distribute the policy to parents, family members, and the community.

Signed by the Authorized Administrator

Date

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