

Hanson Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Policy

[Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA); Title I, Part A (Section 1118) as amended for No Child Left Behind (2001)]

A Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Policy is not a required policy area for all schools; however, if the school receives Federal Title I, Part A funds, the school must have a PFE policy.

Purpose:

Parents serve as a key stakeholder in the educational processes of the students attending Hanson Elementary. The *Parent and Family Engagement Policy* of Hanson Elementary ensures equitable participation in the planning, reviewing, and implementing of all parent programs and activities.

Parent Definition:

A parent is legally defined as a biological parent, step-parent, or a foster parent of a student **or** a person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order **and** with whom the student resides. For the purpose of this policy, parent encompasses all family situations.

Parent and Family Engagement Definition:

Parent and Family Engagement is best defined as any time a parent commits to assisting his/her child in learning and achieving academically to a higher level with greater interest and motivation.

Parent and family engagement can be accomplished in a variety of ways, which include the following:

- reading together at home with your children,
- developing your expectations for your child and communicating these expectations to your child, as well as communicating your support in helping your child achieve these expectations,
- communicating positive values such as respect, hard work, and responsibility,
- providing your child with positive encouragement when he/she achieves certain goals,
- speaking with your child's teacher on a regular basis and offering any assistance that the teacher may suggest,
- becoming involved in the school's PTA/SBDM Council and/or committees, and
- discussing your child's assessment scores after receiving the scores and an explanation of them from the school.

Procedures:

Hanson Elementary, along with the district Federal Programs' Coordinator, shall convene an annual meeting at a time that is convenient for parents. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. At this meeting, parents will be informed of the school's participation in a Title I Schoolwide Program, the purpose and requirements of Title I, and their right to be involved. Particular attention shall be given to reaching those parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background.

Hanson Elementary shall involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the Title I planning, review, and improvement of programs; this includes the joint development of the school parent involvement policy.

Parent-School Learning Compact:

Hanson Elementary and the parents of the students participating in the activities, services, and programs agree that improved student achievement is a shared responsibility. Hanson Elementary and its parents will build and develop a partnership that will assist students in achieving proficiency.

The faculty and staff of Hanson Elementary will...

- believe each student can learn.
- provide an environment that provides hands-on, active learning.
- be prepared to provide the best instruction or service to my ability each day.
- treat all students with respect and fairness.
- respectfully & accurately inform parents of their student's progress.
- have high expectations of self, other staff members, and students.
- help students solve problems in a positive, non-violent manner.
- make procedures and expectations clear.
- provide instruction that is differentiated to help students obtain success.

Parents will...

- believe their student can learn.
- help their student resolve conflicts in positive, non-violent ways.
- see that their student attends school regularly, is on time, is well rested, and is prepared for each day.
- help their student participate in the school community and value education.
- support their student's education by assisting with reading and skill practice at home.
- encourage their student to follow school and bus procedures and expectations.
- help their student be successful by communicating with school staff and attending school functions and conferences whenever possible.

Students will...

- believe they can learn.
- show pride in their school and school community.
- do their best in class, complete assignments, and follow school and bus procedures and expectations.
- have a positive attitude toward school, school staff, their classmates, and themselves.
- accept responsibility for their own actions and work to resolve problems in a positive way.
- be a good listener, follow directions, and ask for help when it is needed.
- show respect for others and themselves.
- respect cultural differences of other students, families, and staff.
- communicate needs to school staff and their family.
- have fun learning at school and home.

Parent Volunteers:

Any parent wishing to serve as a parent volunteer in the school must present their driver's license/state issued identification upon arrival for scanning in our Raptor School Safety System, wear the provided label, and maintain confidentiality related to tasks involving children within the school.

Concerns:

Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding Hanson Elementary's *Parent and Family Engagement Policy* shall be submitted to the principal.