



Drew Hunter Middle School

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Family Engagement Plan

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Replicating excellence by growing, leading, and serving.

Family Engagement - Our Definition, Our Mission, Our Commitment

Family engagement refers to the active involvement and collaboration of families with the educational community to support students' learning and development. It goes beyond traditional parent-teacher conferences or occasional school events; instead, it involves ongoing communication, partnership, and mutual respect between families, educators, and school staff.

Our Mission is to engage Families utilizing the following;

- Communication
- Parent Involvement
- Supporting Learning at Home
- Parent Education
- Collaborative Decision - Making
- Community Partnerships

We commit to:

1. Communicating with families consistently, respectfully, and openly. This includes regular updates on students' progress, school policies, and upcoming events through newsletters, emails, phone calls, and School Status.
2. Encouraging Families to participate in school activities, including volunteering as hall monitors, attending school events, and joining our Eagle PTO
3. Supporting learning at home by providing resources and guidance to help families support learning outside of school, including homework assistance, access to digital learning platforms and workshops on educational topics.
4. Offering workshops, activities, and events for parents and families to assist in providing support in areas of need such as communicating with scholars, effective parenting, healthy living, and emotional well being.
5. Involving families in decision-making processes at the school level including strategic planning, developing/modifying school specific policies, and student culture activities.
6. Building partnerships with community organizations, businesses, and other stakeholders to provide additional resources and support for students and families.

How will we do it? -The Activities

Commitment	Activities	Frequency/Date	School Lead/Contact
Communication	Newsletters Social Media Posts SchoolStatus	Monthly Weekly Daily/As needed	Secretary Social Media Manager Teachers
Parent Involvement	BTS Open House Health Fair PTO Meetings Parent Academy Eagle Fitness Classes Literacy Nights (2) Parent Luncheon	Yearly/August Yearly/October Monthly 2 X Year/Nov & Apr BiMonthly 2 X Year Yearly/May	Steele/Watson Partnership Committee PTO President/Steele Watson/Steele PE Teacher Librarian 8th Grade Sponsors
Supporting Learning at Home	iReady Assignments Get More Math Parent Bootcamp	Weekly Weekly 2 per Semester	Math/ELA Teacher Math Lab Support Watson
Parent Education	Parent Academy Health Fair PTO Training	2 X Year/Nov & Apr Yearly/October Monthly	Watson/Steele Partnership Committee Steele/designee
Collaborative Decision Making	Parent Data Meetings School Plan Review Mtg Title 1 Meeting Spring Budget Meeting	3 Times/year Spring Fall Spring	Steele/Watson
Partnerships	Fitness Classes Health Fair Food Pantry	Bi-Monthly Yearly As needed	PE Teacher/Dr. Burns (Partner) Steele/Dr. Burns A Jones

Additional Information on Collaborative Decision Making

- Title 1 annual meeting will inform parents/families of DHMS's participation in the Title I program, its requirements, and their right, as parents, to be involved. This meeting will inform parents that DHMS is a Title 1 school and review approved Parent Involvement Plan and Parent-Student-Teacher Compact.
- A flexible number of data meetings, parent meetings and conferences will be held relative to the most convenient times for parent/family attendance. Evening and virtual meetings will be offered.
- Virtual meetings will be available for review and posted on social media outlets for accessibility.
- Parents will be notified of meetings via monthly newsletters, memo, SchoolStatus, Notify, and social media/school website posts.
- Parents/Families will be informed in advance of meetings to review and make improvements to the Title 1 Program, school wide plan and engagement plan. These meetings will be held at flexible times to maximize participation and meet the needs of parents with non-traditional schedules.
- Additional meetings will be held if there are changes to the Title 1 program as needed.
- Quarterly Parent Data Meetings will be held to disseminate and review school performance and individual student benchmark scorecards.
- Optional student MAAP results data meetings will be offered when students results are distributed.
- The School Report Card will be distributed to parents and posted on the school website.
- All meetings will include opportunities for parents/families to ask questions, offer comments and voice concerns. Each will be addressed in the meeting, if possible. If more time is needed to address questions, comments and concerns, responses will be provided within 72 hours.
- Parents/Families will be notified submit questions, comments, and concerns not shared in the meetings to their student/s teacher, School Title 1 Coordinator, School Principal or District Personnel