

DOLLARWAY HIGH SCHOOL

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Dollarway High School (DHS) will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan and will solicit parents in the evaluation of our parent and family engagement efforts by in the following ways:

Parents will be provided information in the language they can understand.

Parents will be informed of opportunities to become involved in school meetings, planning sessions, and collaborative efforts to generate and implement suggestions and ideas as it relates to development, implementation and evaluation of the parent engagement plan and the school's operation to enhance academic achievement.

Parents will also be asked to serve on curricular and extracurricular committees.

DHS will increase efforts to recruit alumni to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

DHS will enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Student Association that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. Parents and families may join PTSA to support their children. We need you! Dues are \$5.00 per member. It often includes an opportunity to win a prize with membership. Our Parent Action Team and PTSA Board meet monthly. We participate in monthly district level activities and school level family nights. Please consider joining by emailing Rhonda Hill- Jones at rhonda.hill-jones@pinebluffschoools.org, 870- 534-3878-2520 or LaTanya Paige- Harris, at latanya.paige-harris@pinebluffschoools.org, 870-534-3878.

DHS will extend our efforts to increase parent involvement in:

PTSA

school visits to attend discussions to identify and address specific needs

feedback on implementation of strategies to improve parent and family engagement and academic achievement

DHS will sponsor seminars and transition orientations (virtual and/or on-site) to inform parents how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selections, career planning and preparation for post-secondary opportunities.

DHS will conduct a survey to identify parent needs, area of interests, and suggestions for generating activities that are beneficial for the family, student, school and the community.

DHS will use the parent interest surveys to select, plan, and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year.

We will ask parents to evaluate our performance of meeting their needs as well as follow-through on implementation of expected activities, meetings, and academic planning sessions (virtual and/or on-site).

DHS will evaluate the activities suggested by parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parent and family engagement plan evaluation.

Dollarway High School (DHS) will communicate with parents in the following ways to increase parent and family engagement and to support classroom instruction:

Parents will be provided information in the language they can understand.

The school will maintain a school website to provide on-going communication of classroom, school events, and meetings.

Parent may communicate with teachers and administrators through phone calls, emails, conferences, and virtual school visits.

The Parent Coordinator and Parent Facilitator will help parents through workshops, correspondence, and phone calls to facilitate active involvement in academic activities.

The Principal will provide a monthly report at PTSA meetings to parents on past, present, and future classroom activities, assessments, and students' overall progress.

The school will utilize, Remind 101 parent link, social media, flyers, and newsletters to communicate regarding the Parent & Family Engagement Plan distribution and notifications of school events and the need for their support.

The school will provide a Parent Center for parents to use computers and access online parenting materials.

The school will provide interim progress reports to parents on their students' academic progress.

The school as well as the VIPS (Volunteers in Public School Office) provides volunteer training.

A Parent Information Packet will be posted to the school's website with a link available to agendas for parent meetings. Parents will be informed of locations of Parent Information Packets through Remind and signage posted in the office. Copies will be available in the Parent Center, front office, counselors' offices, and Media Center.

Documents will be uploaded with a link to Google translator and in Spanish. Parents will have the opportunity to sign off on the District Parent and Family Engagement Plan during parent teacher conferences.

To build the capacity of school staff, Dollarway High School will follow the district-wide professional development schedule, which includes trainings such as suicide prevention, the RISE initiative, etc. We will also have training for parents on our learning management system and other district-wide academic resources. Professional development for teachers and administrators on virtual and online.

Dollarway High School plans the following meetings and functions to increase parent and family engagement, to build staff and parent capacity for improving student achievement through digital means, to improve student attendance, and to improve communication between parents and the school. The DHS PTSA assists with these activities. Activities are scheduled throughout the school year. Due to the COVID-19, activities are planned but may be disseminated through online platforms, Zoom meetings, in order to maintain social distancing.

We will offer online and virtual opportunities for parents to participate through live streaming and video recorded messages. This will be accomplished through the use of video conferencing applications, online and blended learning opportunities.

Parents and families will be given several opportunities to learn how to use ESchool and Google Classroom at the Parent and Family Engagement Action Teams monthly meeting.

Parents and community leaders are encouraged to take an active role in school activities. The following are ways in which parents and community leaders are provided information about school activities so that parents and community leaders can participate in school activities. PLEASE CALL THE FRONT OFFICE AND ASK TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE INDIVIDUALS REGARDING ACTIVITIES: 870-534-3878.

The school will provide resources for parents on a regular basis:

Educational and informational packets will be distributed to parents quarterly. Our Parent Center houses a variety of information accessible to parents that are relative to community resources, general education (high school and college), health/nutrition, child care and parenting. District and state conferences and training relevant to parent interest will be offered when scheduled (limited capacity, and CDC guidelines in place). The school will promote and support responsible parenting by purchasing books, magazines and other reading materials through the school library with opportunities for parents to browse and review. The school administration will designate a certified staff to serve as a parent facilitator.

The school will use the parent interest surveys to select, plan, and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year by demonstrating the following:

The school will conduct a survey to identify parent needs, area of interests, and suggestions for generating activities that are beneficial for the family, student, school and the community. We will ask parents to evaluate our performance in meeting their needs as well as follow-through on implementation of expected activities, meetings, and academic planning sessions. The school will evaluate the activities suggested by parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parent and family engagement plan evaluation. The school will sponsor seminars and transition orientations to inform parents how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selections, career planning and preparation for post-secondary opportunities.

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Monthly Meeting: DHS will host and sponsor quarterly family math and literacy nights educate and engage parents and stakeholders in the schools improvement efforts.

Parent and Family Engagement Action Team

Tykesha Cross, Rhonda Hill- Jones, Sheveeka Collier, Freddie Harris and Lantanya Paige Harris

Dollarway High School will hold their annual Title I meeting on Monday, August 16, at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This meeting will be held to inform parents and families of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation, as well as the parents' and families' rights to be involved. The agenda, sign-in-sheets and minutes will be located in a file in the front office. Ample time is allotted to provide a description/explanation of curriculum, forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and information on proficiency levels students are expected to meet. DHS shall submit evidence of the Title I meeting by completing the PBSA Annual Title I Verification Form and submitting to the Title I Office by November 2022. During the Annual Title I meeting, parents will have the opportunity to view and receive a copy of the 2022-2023 Parent and Family Engagement Information Packet.

As a means of working with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact, the following will take place:

Dollarway High School (DHS) and parents will collaborate and sign an agreement on the goals in improving their student success in the education process. This compact will be called the Parent/Guardian, Student Success Plans.

Parents will be involved with providing input for the compact through Zoom meetings and a parent survey/Google document.

Dollarway High School's Student Success Parental Parent/Guardian Agreement

I want my child to succeed. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

I will make sure my child is on time, attends school regularly, and has school supplies.

I will attend parent/teacher conferences, as needed, for my child. If I cannot attend a parent/teacher conference, I will reschedule the conference with the teacher.

I will support school events/assemblies (virtual and on-site).

I will support the school discipline policy. I will establish a time for homework and encourage daily reading.

I will stay aware of my child's progress.

I will attend the PTSA scheduled meetings- virtual and/or on-site.

I will encourage my child to work hard to achieve all his/her academic and behavior goals, and I will give positive support for all rewards received by my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Agreement

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

I will attend school regularly.

I will come to school each day with pencils, pens, paper, and other necessary tools for learning.

I will complete and return classroom and homework assignments and keep my parents/guardian informed of my assignments.

- I will follow the school and classroom rules.
- I will practice reading and writing skills daily.
- I will arrive to class on time and be prepared to learn.

Student Signature: _____

Teacher Agreement

It is important that students achieve. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- I will provide appropriate and meaningful homework assignments for students.
- I will provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help with assignments.
- I will encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress.
- I will use special activities in the classroom to make learning enjoyable and engaging.
- I will encourage students to ask questions.
- I will attend school functions/assemblies (virtual and / or on-site).
- I will post student progress weekly to the eSchool grade book.

Teacher Signature: _____

Principal Agreement

I support this form of parent involvement. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- I will provide a safe environment that allows for positive communication between the teachers, parents and students.
- I will encourage teachers to regularly provide homework assignments that will reinforce classroom instructions.
- I will respond to parent concerns as soon as possible.

Principal Signature: _____

Once Dollarway High School receives our annual Parent and Family Engagement allocation, parents will be notified of the allotted amount and will have the opportunity to express their beliefs as to how the funds will be used. Our school's parents assist us in the decisions regarding the use of these funds.