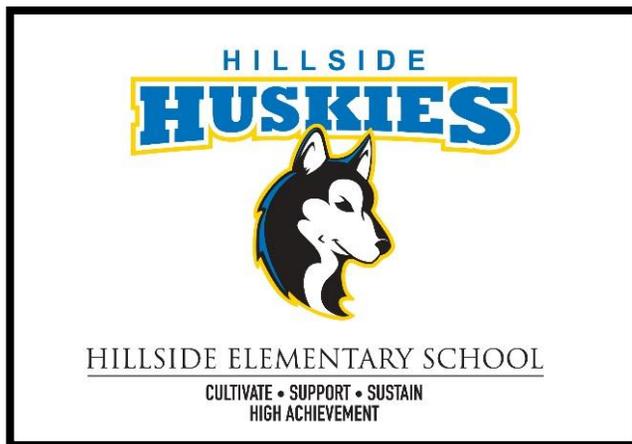


PARENT and FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2017-2018

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What is Family Engagement?

Hillside Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- That families 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.
- The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act).

What is the Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Hillside Elementary has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships at Hillside Elementary. This plan will describe our school's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive family engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve families and family members in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1116, the ACSD will work with its Title I schools to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement plan meet the requirements of Section 1116(b) and each include, as a component, a school-family compact consistent with Section 1116(d) of the ESSA.

How is it Developed and Revised?

One of the most important tools Hillside Elementary School has is the involvement of families. We place great emphasis on parental engagement within our school. Our parent liaison and award winning PTA offer families numerous opportunities for their feedback and to become active partners in their child's education. In order to meet the changing needs of families and the school, this Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be updated annually. Hillside invites all families to attend our Parent Input sessions (held annually in April) to review and revise our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the school-wide plan, our School-Family Compact and the Parental Involvement Budget. Families may also give feedback using the Feedback form (available on the Title I webpage or via hard copy in the Parent Resource Center), during Title I Parent Workshops, parent meetings/conferences, and activities during the year. Parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the subsequent school year. Parent input and feedback is also solicited during via the annual Parent Input survey distributed annually during March via online and hard copy to ask families for suggestions on the plan, compact, and how reserved funds are allocated for parental engagement activities.

Who is it for?

All students of Hillside Elementary School, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Hillside provides full participation opportunities for families with limited English, families with disabilities, and families of migratory children. Hillside Elementary is committed to helping our families attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare, transportation, literacy training, and using technology in order to participate in our programs.