

School Parental Involvement Policy

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Huntington East Middle School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, the school will ensure that the required school level parental involvement policy meets the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA, and includes, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency (school district).
- The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about the school will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- The school will provide parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA in the areas of improving student achievement, child development, child rearing and additional topics parents may request.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- (C) that 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;

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

NOTE: The School Parental Involvement Policy shall include a description of how the school will implement or accomplish each of the following components. *[Section 1118, ESEA.]*

1. **Huntington East Middle School** shall take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and review of its school parental involvement policy under section 1118 of the ESEA:
Parents will be presented with the School Parental Involvement Policy and then will be notified of the scheduled meeting to review and make changes as needed. This meeting will be a collaborative effort of both school staff and parents.

2. **Huntington East Middle School** shall take the following actions to involve parents in the process of planning, joint development of the program, review and improvement of programs under Title I Part A of the ESEA :
Parents will be invited to meet with the Principal and staff to give input into the planning and development of the program and the parents serving on the Local School Improvement Council will provide input and perspective into the evolving Title I plan.

3. **Huntington East Middle School** shall hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting.
At our Open House held in September the parents will be informed of the school's participation in Title I programs and their rights and requirements. This information will also be sent home to each parent to inform those who could not attend the Open House.

- 4 **Huntington East Middle School** shall provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

Huntington East Middle continually keeps parents informed about the curriculum, assessments and student proficiency through the use of newsletters, teacher correspondence ,conferencing, Athletic Boosters, report cards and progress reports.

5. **Huntington East Middle School** shall, at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by:
Parents are encouraged to call the school at any time and set up appointments to meet with anyone on the HEMS staff. Each January we hold a Parent/Teacher Conference night to provide direct communication between teachers and parents.

6. **Huntington East Middle School** shall provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading by:
Huntington East Middle sends each parent a copy of their child's WESTEST scores each year. Also Writing Assessment scores are sent to each parent.

7. **Huntington East Middle School** shall take the following actions to provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002):
At any time should the situation arise that a classroom is being taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher that is not highly qualified each child's parent will receive a letter notifying them of this situation.

8. **Huntington East Middle School** shall provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described below --
 - the state's academic content standards,
 - the state's student academic achievement standards,
 - the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
 - the requirements of Title I Part A,
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators:These topics will be addressed through the use of specified information newsletters, conferences and parent workshops.

9. **Huntington East Middle School** shall provide materials and training to help parents work with their children in the areas of improving student achievement, (including literacy training and using technology) child development, child rearing and additional topics parents may request.

Huntington East Middle will hold parent workshops that will address student achievement, parenting skills and methods to help their children at home with their school work

10. **Huntington East Middle School** shall, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

Huntington East Middle School annually will have a workshop for teachers and staff on how to work with parents. Subjects such as how to communicate successfully with parents, how to handle angry parents and how to successfully involve parents in the educational process will be addressed.

11. **Huntington East Middle School** shall take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

Huntington East Middle will make all information extended to parents easily understood with a format that meets parents' needs. Parents with limited English skills will receive information in a manner that they can understand and one that makes them feel comfortable with the programs and meetings that are available to them.