

Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement

The Hernando County School District promotes and supports effective family engagement to improve student achievement.

This includes:

- Improving home-school communication
- Building positive family relationships
- Supporting families with information and resources
- Identifying community resources to strengthen home-school programs

Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)

Each school receiving Title I, Part A funds shall develop a PFEP jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and family members. This written plan focuses on improving student achievement.

Ask your child's school how you can be part of the process!

Involvement of Parents and Families

Here are some ways to become involved:

- Attend parent workshops at your child's school or at the HCSD Parent Academy sites
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Participate in decisions relating to your child's education
- Participate in school activities
- Recruit other parents to support the school

Technical Assistance to Schools

The Hernando County Schools' Federal Programs Department supports schools with family and community engagement by:

- Reviewing each school-level PFEP and School-Parent Compact
- Assisting in the establishment of a Title I committee or parent leadership team at each school
- Creating and maintaining a webpage dedicated to assisting teachers, parents, families and students with academic resources for grades K-12
- Providing parent and family engagement trainings for school staff and parents
- Linking community resources directly to schools
- Training schools' advisory councils and other parent leadership teams on effective family engagement practices

Working with Others

Title I, Part A programs coordinate services and programs to support families with the following organizations: Early Learning Coalition, Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS), Exceptional Student Education (ESE), Students and Families in Transition Program, Student Services Department, and English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Ways Parents Can Help

- Make sure your child arrives at school on time
- Set regular homework hours and provide a quiet place for the child to complete assignment
- Limit the amount of time your child watches television or plays computer/video games
- Ask your child what he/she learned in school each day
- Praise and encourage your child often
- Reward effort, not just results

Evaluation of Our Services and Practices

The HCSD's Title I, Part A program distributes a survey each school year to solicit feedback on how the district and the schools can improve their practices and programs. We value parents as partners in the learning process and encourage you to participate in the survey.

Effective Home-School Communication

- Set goals with your child and support their achievements
- Monitor your child's academic progress
- Develop a relationship with your child's teacher(s) and keep in touch often



Communication and Accessibility

Communication is important, in that families need to feel they can participate in activities and receive communication in a format that they can understand. Translators will be provided upon request. American Sign Language will be provided in coordination with our Exceptional Students Services Department.

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