

Harmony

Elementary School

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Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2022–2023 School Year

What is Title I?

Harmony Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

District Goals

- Maintain graduation rate of at least 90%.
- All schools will have positive school climate.
- All students will be taught by highly effective teachers and all schools will be led by highly effective leaders.
- Strengthen collaborative partnerships with stakeholders.

School Goals

The goal of Harmony ES for the 22–23 school year is to increase the number of students reading at or above grade level and to improve student's math fluency and mathematical reasoning skills as measured by the NWEA MAP assessment.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, our teachers and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how the school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. As a school we value the contributions and involvement of parents and family members as we establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that the school will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. As a school we will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

How is it revised?

Harmony Elementary coordinates with multiple businesses and churches in the community to support the needs of our families. We currently have one partnership through the district with Student Success Alliance. This group includes multiple community leaders who support the needs of our families as needed through funding of school program needs, volunteer opportunities, specific family living needs, student goal setting, etc.



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Parent and Family Engagement

As a school we believe 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 parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.

Our school is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance in order to fully participate in our programs.

Stay Connected

These resources are used to keep parents informed of student progress as well as upcoming events:

- HES and WCSD Webpage
- Infinite Campus
- Schoology
- Social Media
- Email
- School Messenger

Harmony is Branching Out!

HES will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in languages that our families understand.
- Provide trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom.
- Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- Share information to help parents understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, emails, our website, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Utilize our business and community partners to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities

Annual Title I Meeting

As a school we will conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the school-wide plan, and the school-parent compact. Our meeting will be held on **Sept. 23 at 5pm**

Let's Get Together!

HES will hold multiple partnership meetings throughout the school year and parents are always welcome to participate. The following meetings are scheduled to take place :

- **September 22rd:** Curriculum Night
- **Quarterly Honor's Programs**
- **Monthly Student of the Month Programs**
- **October 25th :** Reading Academy (training for parents on use of books to share the love of reading with the entire family and ways to support reading comprehension at home)
- **January 24th:** PBIS (training to share the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in place at HES and important role parents play our plan)

Meeting dates and times are subject to change; any changes will be advertised on the school webpage and social media pages.

Be sure to check our calendar to see the complete listing of our offerings and dates!

Parent Resource Center

Materials for parents are located in our parent resource center. The available resources include:

- Parenting tips for primary age students (available in Spanish).
- Helpful parenting resources around Walton Co.
- Local discounts for internet so parents can stay connected and students can do HW and other internet based tasks at home.
- Resources for parents on how to assist their child with homework.
- Resources for effective and successful parenting.
- Resources for college and career preparedness
- Resources on how to be successful in school.
- Instructional materials to check out to use at home with children.
- Computers to use to support communication needs such as reviewing student grades.

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please contact the main office.