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**Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

 **2023-2024**

A strong partnership between the school and home is essential if a quality educational program is to be provided to all students. Welch Middle School is dedicated to the philosophy that parent involvement is integral to the success of each student. For this reason, parents are actively recruited as our partners for success. The policy will be given to parents on or before December 1, 2023.

Welch Middle School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

1. ANNUAL TITLE 1 MEETING

Welch Middle School will conduct an annual meeting to inform parents of the school’s participation in the Title 1 program and to explain the requirements of the program and parents’ rights. In September, a meeting with the principal is held to introduce parents to Welch Middle School and its School-wide Title 1 program. Parents are informed of the school conferences, the School-Parent Compact, and the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

1. FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS • Welch Middle School will conduct the 4 required Title 1 parent meetings and will include 4 alternate meeting dates to better serve parents’ availability to attend:

Meeting #1: 12/13/2023 at 8:30AM Alternate Meeting: 12/14/2023 at 5:30PM

Meeting #2: 01/17/2024 at 5:30PM Alternate Meeting: 01/18/2024 at 9:00AM

Meeting #3: 02/21/2024 at 5:30PM Alternate Meeting: 02/22/2024 at 9:00AM

Meeting #4: 03/27/2024 at 5:30PM Alternate Meeting: 03/28/2024 at 9:00AM

• Parent meetings and teacher conferences can also be held at different times during the day, depending on the teacher’s availability. Information on meeting dates and how to attend will be posted via our school website and sent to parents via social media (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).

1. COMMUNICATION

• Welch will provide current information via the school website, social media, progress reports, report cards, and the School Messenger call-out system.

 • Welch will provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum used, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and proficiency levels, and levels students are expected to meet in the form of the STAAR, Benchmark scores, and District Assessments.

• Welch will aid in understanding the state’s academic content standards, the state student achievement standards, and the local assessments using teachers, individual guidance counselors, technology, and training as necessary.

• Parents can monitor their child’s progress and improve their achievement through PowerSchool/HISD Connect. Materials and training is provided for parents to help their children at parent-teacher meetings and events such as Family Literacy Night, Family Math and Science Night, Family Electives Night, with specific topics from outside agencies.

 • Welch will ensure that information relating to school meetings, parent programs, and associated activities will be sent to parents in a form and language that parents can understand.

1. JOINTLY DEVELOPED

• Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of Welch’s Title 1 program and Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Parents will have the opportunity to be a part of the Fall and Spring Advisory meetings.

• The School-Parent Compact given in the Fall to the student and parent will outline how everyone will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement.

• Parents will have an adequate opportunity to participate in all segments of parent involvement activities.

1. DISSESSION PROCESS

If the schoolwide plan and/or parent family engagement policy is not satisfactory to parents, parents may submit any comments/concerns via email to Mr. Antonio Brown, Title 1 Contact at abrown41@houstonisd.org or by phone at 713-778- 3300.

1. BUILD CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Welch Middle School has established programs such as the following to build the parents’ capacity for strong parental involvement at a school-wide level:

* School Community Projects
* School Field Lessons
* Occasional School Dances/Parties
* School Open House
* Title 1 Parent Advisory Council/Volunteers in Schools
* Title 1 School-Parent Compact Resource Parents/Volunteers
* Monthly Meetings for Non-English-Speaking Parents
* Fifth Grade Orientation/Tour
* Career Week
* Magnet Awareness Day

Welch Middle School will implement these and other activities that will encourage parental involvement. Individual staff personnel must and will assist in carrying out these activities.

With the Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy along with the support of Welch Middle School, we will help our students engage in a successful school year.