

SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

North Hopkins Secondary 2021-2022

North Hopkins Secondary understands that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- Parents and 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

North Hopkins Secondary agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

- **ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**
North Hopkins Secondary will hold an Annual Title I Meeting for all parents across the district within the first months of school. At least one meeting will be convened during the AM and one during the PM to accommodate parent schedules.
- **FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS**
North Hopkins Secondary will offer a flexible number of parent engagement meetings at convenient times for families, such as meetings in the morning or evening.
- **JOINTLY DEVELOPED**
North Hopkins Secondary will meet with parents and stakeholders at the beginning of the year. During this meeting, parents will receive information about the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan and will be informed of their parental right to be involved in the planning and development of the plan through meetings, surveys, and questionnaires. If the program plan is not satisfactory to parents, they may submit comments on the plan to the school administrator. The plan will be sent home with students at the beginning of each school year and posted to the school's website.
- **COMMUNICATION**
North Hopkins Secondary will present the Parent and Family Engagement Policy to parents at each campus meeting and will also post the policy on the campus website page once the policy has been approved. Parents will be involved in planning, reviewing and improving the policy through a yearly review. All parents will have the opportunity to participate in this review. Campuses will distribute the Parent and Family Engagement Policy at parent conferences, family nights, and will make the policy available at the beginning of the year and all other parent and community events, as well as post the approved policy on their website.
Campuses will use a variety of communication avenues including student folders, social

media, phone calls, parent conferences, parent meetings, family nights, the NHS automated phone system, and the district website to keep parents informed of information related to school and parent programs, students' expected proficiency levels, meetings, and other activities.

- **DISSENSION PROCESS**

Parents will have the opportunity to submit any comments/concerns to the North Hopkins Independent School District Superintendent's office if the school-wide plan and/or parent and family engagement policy is not satisfactory to parents. *Any comments/concerns can be sent to the Superintendent of School, Brian Lowe, at blowe@northhopkins.net or by phone at 903.945.2192.*

- **SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

North Hopkins Secondary will jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how families, school, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standard and how the plan is used, reviewed, and updated.

North Hopkins Secondary will hold an Annual Title I Schoolwide parent meeting during the first months of school to review and discuss any needed changes to the jointly developed school compact. In the spring of each year, North Hopkins Secondary will review this document and revise as necessary for the coming year. Using this method of updating the compact, campuses will elicit feedback from students, faculty, and families in the spring and fall of each year.

- **BUILD CAPACITY OF PARENTS**

North Hopkins Secondary will build the parents' capacity for strong parental involvement to ensure effective involvement of parents and families and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement. For the 2021-22 school year the following Parent and Family Engagement meeting opportunities will be available to provide assistance to parents of children served by the school:

Campus Title I Meeting – details about Title I services, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the school compacts will be discussed and attendees will be asked to provide feedback.-Baseball Opening Day Ceremony-FFA Kickoff-Meet the teachers-Variety-themed nights for sporting events-Veterans Day Assembly-Athletic Banquet-Academic Awards Banquet-College Signing Day-Senior Parade-FAFSA Night-Freshmen Orientation

Our school communicates with parents often the state's curricular and assessment expectations, school wide requirements in relation to the delivery of instruction, the techniques utilized to evaluate student work, and individual classroom rituals and routines pertinent to the academic success of our students. We use a variety of communicative techniques such as our School Handbook, School Website, Classroom Websites, Parent Link (phone call system), Parent/Teacher Conferences, IEP

Meetings, PTA meetings, individual notes/calls home, Surveys (online), Open House, Back to School Night, Mid-Term Progress Reports, Report Cards, benchmark results, school sign, etc. to solicit parent participation and deliver important information in hopes of creating productive dialogue between home and school concerning improved student achievement

NOTE: When appropriate, meetings may be held virtually and/or information be presented virtually.

H. ACCESSIBILITY

North Hopkins Secondary will ask parents to work within the community to garner support for events such as family nights, parent workshops, parent conferences, and various other parent events. Surveys will be sent out to parents to gather input from parents regarding topics of need and to identify barriers to parent participation. Parent workshops will be held as needed (interpreters will be available to assist with non-English speaking parents and/or parents with disabilities) to encourage parental involvement in academia. Family and community persons will be made aware of the training sessions through resources such as letters, social media, and the school website. Parents as Partners in Education meetings will also be held. NHS will also maintain a district data site for parents to access student grades and attendance at any time. Our campus maintains normal business hours and welcomes feedback in the form of personal visits, conferences, emails and phone calls. Please note, appointments are preferred so that parents may be offered our full attention.

I. STATEWIDE INITIATIVE

Texas has established a Parent and Family Engagement Initiative hosted by the Region 16 Education Service Center. The website is <https://www.esc16.net/page/title1swi.home>.

The Department of the Accountability of Student and Community Development at North Hopkins Independent School District is responsible for assisting campuses with the review and publishing of this policy. Please contact Jennifer Driver, at jdriver@northhopkins.net or by phone at 903.945.2192 with any comments or suggestions. Please refer to www.northhopkins.net for information on how to become a volunteer, parent handbooks, calendars of school events, or talk to your school principal about opportunities to serve on committees or participate in other parent opportunities.