

**Parent Involvement Policy
Sam Houston Middle School
2016-2017**

Statement of Purpose

Sam Houston is committed to the goal of providing quality education for all students in attendance. In order to accomplish this goal, we want to establish positive and lasting partnerships with parents and the community. It is our belief that everyone benefits when school and home work together to promote academic achievement for our children. It is our belief that parents play an extremely important role in being their children's first teacher. Grade level goals for the students at Sam Houston Middle School are available to all parents on the AISD website so that all students can work toward these goals. We recognize that some students may need extra assistance available through various programs to reach these goals. Sam Houston intends to include parents in all aspects of our Title I Program. The ultimate goal is a partnership between school and home that will help all of our students to succeed.

Parent Involvement in Developing the Policy

A parent involvement committee consisting of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members will meet to develop Sam Houston Middle School's Parent Involvement Policy. We will actively recruit these members.

Annual Meeting for Title I Parents

At the annual meeting in September, parents will be given information about the new Title I guidelines and how they differ

from the previous year's Title I program at our school. At that time they will be given copies of our current Parent Involvement Policy, and will be able to have a chance to volunteer to become involved in revising or updating our policy as needed.

This meeting will be held at a convenient time and location and will be offered twice daily to ensure that as many parents as possible can attend. Translation services will also be available. Notices regarding the meeting will be written and sent home to parents.

Home-School Compact

Sam Houston Middle School's Home-School Compact will be developed through the input of the advisory committee and input of parents. It will describe the roles of the student, parent, and teacher in order to ensure that the student is successful. All on-going communication will be occur via individual conferences, information meetings, newsletters, the school website, and visits to the school and home as needed.

Matching Programs to the Needs of Our Community

Each year, Sam Houston Middle School will assess the needs of the community we serve. This will be done by having parent surveys sent out once a year in order to tailor their needs to our Title I Program. Workshops will also be available to parents and students to match those expressed needs. Parents and community members will be notified of these workshops through newsletters and the school website. Parents are encouraged to contact our campus to provide suggestions for a particular workshop.

Staff/Parent Communication

Communication between parents and staff will be through our school calendar, phone calls, and home visits as needed. Notification of special events will be sent home through take home flyers that will be distributed to the students during 7th period. Staff will communicate any positive information to the parents, be available to parents, and respond to a parent's request in a timely manner. Parents are always encouraged to take the initiative in calling their student's teachers when they may be concerned about a problem. They are also welcome to contact the school's office and request an interpreter if needed for such conferences. Staff will also obtain training yearly on how to improve parent-school communication. Parents are welcome to attend those trainings.

Evaluation

Each May, parent surveys will be available on the school website so that parents can give feedback of the year's parent conferences, workshops, etc. so that we can make improvements to our Title I Program. This survey will also ask for feedback on any barriers to parent involvement still need to be overcome. Sam Houston Middle School will then revise its Parent Involvement Policy on the basis of this annual survey. This commitment to family involvement has been approved by the AISD Board of Trustees. The policy will be coordinated by the Parent Involvement Coordinator, Title I supervisory staff, teachers, parents and administrators.