



Eastern Hills Middle School  
Parent and Family Engagement Policy  
2021-22



The staff at Eastern Hills Middle School takes pride in doing what is best for students while promoting a growth mindset and life-long learning. All parents/guardians and family members are welcomed and valued as we strive to foster integrity, humility, and resilience in our students.

**Communication:** We believe communication between home and school is on-going and meaningful. We will communicate with parents and family members in several ways: fliers, Connect-Ed automated communication, social media, campus marquee, newsletters, phone calls, notes, and emails.

Parents/guardians and family members may contact us through phone calls, notes, and emails. We strongly encourage parents/guardians to contact their student's teacher when there is a concern so that we can collaborate for the good of the student. Written materials will be sent home in both English and Spanish. If we need to translate communication into another language, please contact the school office. We will do our best to accommodate you.

**Parent/Guardian Family Member Learning:** We will help you understand the challenging Texas academic standards, give you information about STAAR and KISD assessments, explain how to monitor your student's progress and how to work with teachers as a team to help your student succeed. Other classes will offer ways to help your student at home, including how to stay current with new technology. We understand that our parents/guardians work, attend school, serve in the military, or have other responsibilities that limit their schedules. To encourage parent/guardian involvement and engagement, we strive to schedule key meetings and classes at flexible times and dates to include a morning and an afternoon/evening session.

**Annual Title I Meeting:** Our annual Title I meeting is held in September of every school year. This meeting is offered at flexible times and dates for your scheduling convenience. All parents/guardians and family members are invited to attend. We want everyone to know about Title I and how we use these funds to ensure that students are successful. We will discuss the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the Home-School Compact, "Parents Right to Know" and how you can be involved in your student's education. You will learn about the curriculum we use, academic assessments, and the results of our latest STAAR scores.

**Title I Program Evaluation:** Our Title I program is evaluated several times a year by our Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) committee and all parents are invited to participate. SBDM provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) and assists in making decision about how Title I funds are spent. If you would like to serve on our SBDM committee, please contact the campus principal. We value your opinions and welcome all parents who would like to serve. For parents unable to participate in SBDM, an annual evening meeting is held for the purpose of evaluating the plan and gaining parent and family member input on changes for the upcoming year. Note, if for some reason the CIP is not satisfactory to parents, comments about the CIP will be submitted to the KISD Coordinator for State and Federal Programs.

**Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Home Compact:** We need your help! The annual review of our Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Home Compact occurs each spring. Parents/Guardians and family members are a desired and required part of the process. We meet together to discuss and make any changes to these documents for the next school year. Information regarding this meeting will be available in January. Both of these documents are posted on our campus website so that parents, family members and the community have access to them. Our website will allow you to translate any posted information into any one of 107 different languages. The parent and family engagement policy is also made available during our Annual Title I Meeting and is included in our Student Handbook.

**Volunteer Orientation:** At the start of each new school year, and throughout the year, our volunteer coordinator conducts a volunteer orientation to outline KISD policies. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Parent Liaison at 254.336.1100.

**Staff Awareness:** Our campus staff receives training each school year about the value of parent and family member contributions at school. We stress how to reach out, build relationships with, and work with parents as equal partners to make sure that all students are successful in their learning. Our staff is kept up to date on our various parent programs, their role in the implementation and coordination of the programs, and how they can encourage parent and family participation.

**Parent and Family Member Classes:** EHMS offers workshops for all parents which include topics such as technology and accessing student gradebooks, state-testing requirements, social-emotional support, grade transition and high school transition, special programs topics, etc. These monthly/bi-monthly workshops will be communicated through flyers, Blackboard Connect and social media.