

Hampton District Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2020-2021

Hampton Public Schools will maximize its efforts to actively involve families, alumni, and community members in sharing the responsibility of educating its students by involving parents in the development of the district parent and family engagement plan, the school-wide program plan and support and improvement plans. Parents are an integral part of a school's ability to provide the educational success of their children and helping to establish expectations and objectives for meaningful involvement, and reflecting the specific needs of the students and families strengthens the bond between school and community. Studies show that the more families support their children's learning and educational progress, the more their children tend to do well in school and continue their education. Hampton Public School acknowledges that engaging parents is essential to improve student achievement and will foster and support active parental involvement by making the district parent and family engagement plan available to families and the local community on the district website by August 1, placing a supplement to the student handbook, placing a copy of the plan in the School Parent Centers, and by filing the plan with the Department of Education by August 1. Signatures will be obtained acknowledging receipt of Hampton's School Districts parent and family engagement plan summary. Parents will be involved in the plan by evaluating the plan and updates annually. Parents will be adequately involved in the process to incorporate the school-wide plan. Parents will submit to the state the comments who deem the school-wide plan unsatisfactory. Parents are included on the Parental Involvement Committee. Parents are also invited to complete surveys and questionnaires about the school revisions to school policies. Parents may complete surveys online, at school events, sporting activities, and at fall and spring parent/teacher conferences. Parents are also kept informed with the use of the Remind 101 app and through social media posts.

Staff development opportunities concerning parental involvement is conducted as directed by the state. Professional development opportunities will be offered for teachers to enhance understanding of the importance of effective communication with parents and the value of contributions of parental involvement.

It is the goal of Hampton Public School to assure an ongoing partnership between families, communities, and school by implementing effective parent and family involvement activities as well as school-parent compacts. We believe such a partnership will promote the education and motivation of all students to lead productive, successful lives and instill in them positive attitudes. Through teaching and modeling, we will provide educational opportunities for all students regardless of race, sex, socioeconomic background or academic performance level.

Teacher's, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, other school leaders, and other staff will be trained with the assistance of parents in, the value of and unity of contributions of parents and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, as well as how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and how to build ties between parents and the school.

There will be a copy of the school policy at the elementary and high school for parents to view. The plan will be posted online, placed in the student handbook, and requesting parents will receive a copy of the 2019-2020 Parental Involvement Plan. Signatures from each parent will be obtained acknowledging receipt of the [district's] parent and family engagement plan summary. The ESL Coordinator will ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form parents can understand.

Profession Developments is documented though ESC Works, and other agency formats. The PD Coordinator keeps detailed records of ongoing PD and documentation. Volunteers are also trained to work at the school building sites.

The centers have learning materials for parents that will enhance and support parenting skills and have computers with Internet access. The Parent Centers are open to all parents who have children enrolled in and past graduates of the Hampton School District. Parent input and questions are welcomed as the Parent Centers strive to be of service to parents with concerns about their child's education and well-being.

Parent Involvement materials provide assistance to parents in understanding how to monitor their child's progress, standards, and academic assessments. Materials topics offered include state of the school, what students will be learning, how students will be assessed, what parents should expect for their child's education, and how parents can assist in improving their child's academic achievement. Other parental involvement activities/training or information will be provided upon parental request. All parents, including parents of special education students and ELL students, can be trained in reading, writing, and math strategies and processes. Parental involvement meetings will be held to determine how each discretionary item your district and parents chose will be implemented. Parents will also be provided with training on blended learning.

Hampton will comply with at least 1 percent of district allocation under Title I, Part A as follows:

- ✓ Does not apply if the district receives an allocation less than \$500,000
- ✓ Ensure a minimum of 90% of that 1% goes to schools, with priority given to high-need schools

Hampton School District will involve parents and families in the decisions regarding how funds reserved for parent and family engagement are allotted for parental involvement activities by ensuring the funded activities and strategies are consistent with the district parent and family engagement policy. An annual evaluation will be held to identify any barriers, needs, or strategies that arise as well as any that are no longer evident. The findings will be used to

design the evidence based strategies to increase parental involvement. The plan will then be reviewed and approved then updated by August 1.

The Hampton School District will maintain Parent Centers in the elementary and Library and in Hampton High School Media Center that will be featured on the school website as well as social media. Books, magazines, and other informative material regarding responsible parenting will be purchased through the school libraries. These materials will be advertised and available for parents to borrow. Programs will be coordinated and integrated with activities of other Federal, State, and local programs.

All of Hampton's Schools are located on one campus. All the students share a cafeteria and many teachers and classrooms are used for middle grades and high school lending to an easier transition for middle level students. Also, Bulldog Buddies is an on campus organization that pairs upper level students with middle level students to act as mentors, tutors, and guides. Orientation/Open House is held in the summer to allow students to get familiar with their schedules and classroom layout.

Transition from High School to post secondary education is facilitated by hosting numerous nights throughout the year geared towards scholarship applications, financial aid, career introductions, and ACT Prep. Also, numerous classes are offered online through VOTECH in Warren and a bus is sent daily to SAU TECH Career Academy for students to explore available programs.