



Northwest Early College High School

Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

Parents and staff at Northwest ECHS have jointly developed and agreed upon the following Parent Engagement Policy. The policy will be posted on the school website, in both English and Spanish, given out at the Annual Title 1 meeting, and during Parent-teacher conferences. It will also be sent by email and available in the Northwest ECHS office for any parent who requests it.

To build a dynamic, home-school partnership, Northwest Early College High School will provide the following:

- An annual meeting where parents will learn about the requirements and benefits of an early college high school program where students can obtain a High School diploma and associate degree at the same time at no cost. A flier will be sent by email, and a text message will be used to communicate about the meeting to each parent informing them of the date and time. In addition, the flier will be posted in the school front office.
- Parent conferences will be held at various times during the day to accommodate the parents' needs. Communication will be in English or Spanish to meet the parent's needs.
- A description and explanation of the curriculum used, the forms of academic assessments to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet will be provided to parents through teacher conferences, agendas, and school-wide meetings.
- A meeting with sophomores and their parents at the beginning of the year to discuss what is expected of students during EPCC classes, and safety precautions during college classes.
- Through the Parent University, free academic sessions provide strategies, materials, and training to help the parents work with their children to improve their academic achievement.
- Assistance to parents' understanding of the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) college placement exam and its impact on the student EPCC associate degree. Parents will be provided with an informative brochure about the different exams and tests the students need to take to get an associate degree and the timeline they should take them.
- By attending the PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meetings and being part of the PAC, parents will have the opportunity to help review, plan for, and make suggestions to improve the Title 1 program which includes the Campus Improvement Plan, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the Parent-Teacher Compact.
- Announcements with scheduled school events, exams, athletics, and other activities by email or text. The main events and activities will be posted on the website in the calendar or the announcements sections.
- Understanding and navigating the college program. The school will offer parent nights and parent academies for incoming, pre-existing parents and students to understand the different concepts for the class types, and the degrees the students can pursue.



- Information about school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents promptly. The dates, times, and locations will be given to parents through flyers, calendars, social media, emails, and text through Blackboard.
- A School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact is a written agreement between teachers and parents and provides an opportunity to create new partnerships in your school community. Each school receiving Title 1, Part A funding is required to develop a compact. The compact is a clear reminder of all stakeholders' responsibility to act at school and home so that children can attain the state's academic achievement standards.

Parents and community members are always welcome to make suggestions to the campus improvement plan and can submit them to the school administration.

Northwest ECHS Programs/Services

- Parent participation in LPAC (Language Proficiency Assessment Committee),
- CIC (Campus Improvement Committee),
- PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)
- Parent and Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Tutoring
- Project Vida
- Strengthen Families Program (Aliviane)

NWECHS Accomplishments

- National Blue Ribbon 2018
- US News/Newsweek Top School in America 2018
- Texas Honor Roll School
- TEA "A" Overall Accountability Rating 2022
- Award winner of the America's Best Urban Schools in 2023 for the National Center for Urban Transforming Schools (NCUTS).

Parent School Communication

- District Newsletter
- NWECHS Website
- Blackboard
- PAC/CIC meeting
- School Calendar
- Parent Portal



- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parent University and Parent Academy Workshops
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Instagram

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Volunteering
- Attending meetings, Parent/Teacher conferences, and student academic and sports events.
- Parent and Teacher Organization
- Parent Universities and Parent Academies.

Northwest ECHS Clubs and Organizations



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