

Bellaire High School Parental Involvement Policy 2011 – 2012

Statement of Purpose

It is the goal of Bellaire High School to recognize the importance of parental involvement in the successful education of children. We will provide ample opportunities for parents to be involved in the schooling of their child to help them achieve optimum success.

Part I. General Expectations

Bellaire High School agrees to implement the following:

- Notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of the parents and the school.
- Develop with parents a parent-school compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.
- The school will provide full opportunities for the participation of all parents especially those with limited English proficiency, parents of students with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.
- If the program is unsatisfactory to parents, the school will submit parents' comments to the HISD Department of External Funding and revise the plan as advised by the HISD Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Program administrator.
- The school will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- The school will provide regular communication of student's progress through progress reports and report cards each six week grading period. The school will also provide opportunities for parent-teacher conferences to discuss students' academic achievement.
- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as the parents may request.

Part II. Description of How the School Will Implement Required School Parental Involvement Policy Components

1. Bellaire High School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan.
 - a. Convene an annual meeting to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend to develop a school parental involvement policy.
2. Bellaire High School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.
 - a. Convene an annual meeting to which all parents are invited to a presentation of the results of the state academic assessments and will be given an opportunity for collaboration.
3. Bellaire High School will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in the Title I, Part A programs.
 - a. Convene an annual meeting at which parents are informed of Bellaire's participation in Title I, Part A programs.
4. Bellaire High School will provide parents of participating children information about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
 - a. Distribute to parents annually a letter with an explanation of the curriculum
 - b. Distribute to parents annually a letter with an explanation of the academic assessments

5. Bellaire High School will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.
 - a. TAKS results are sent home to parents after they are received by the school.
6. Bellaire High School will provide timely notice to parents of children who are being taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.
 - a. Notice is sent home to students only in classes with a teacher who is not highly qualified according to No Child Left Behind standards.
7. Bellaire High School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement and encourage their participation. At least four of these meetings will be held at flexible times to accommodate parents' schedules.
 - a. Trainings with Ms. Rubin, Counselor
 - i. College Admissions Process for Seniors
 - ii. Promoting Student Success
 - iii. 11th Grade College Application process
 - iv. Time Management
 - v. College Financial Aid Night
 - vi. 8th Grade Information Night
 - vii. 9th & 10th Grade Parents, Preparing for College
 - viii. College fair
 - b. Title I Parent meetings
 - i. Purpose of Title I
 - ii. Parental Involvement Policy
 - iii. TAKS Results
 - c. Open House
8. Bellaire will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in an understandable and uniform format, including alternate formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
 - a. All Title I materials will be sent in English and Spanish versions.

Part III. Discretionary School Parental Involvement Policy Components

1. Spanish Language Parent ESL Trainings

Part IV. Adoption

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents participating in the Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by the meetings on December 7, 2011. This policy was adopted by Bellaire High School on December 7, 2011 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before December 16, 2011.

Signature of Authorized Official
Tim Salem, Principal

Date