



YELLOWSTONE COLLEGE PREP

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

2021-2022

Yellowstone College Prep (YCP) believes all students are born with purpose and destined for success. Every day, we strive to create a safe learning environment with high academic standards. We also firmly believe that parent & family involvement is an essential piece to ensure that our students are successful. That is why we are committed to maintaining a good line of communication from school to homes and also providing ample opportunities for parents and families to be engaged in their child's education. As a Title 1 school, we are required to articulate the specific ways in which we do that through this formal Parent and Family Engagement Policy listed below:

- 1) We provide opportunities for the school community to learn more about our status as a Title 1 campus during our two Title 1 meetings (held in the fall at various times). Similarly, our annual Charter F.I.R.S.T. reporting meeting (held in the spring) gives an insight into the financial management of the school. These events facilitate formal (and informal) opportunities for parents and families to ask questions, consult with school administration, and/or provide feedback.
- 2) We believe families are integral partners in the education of our students. To achieve our mission will take participation and cooperation from all of us: school, home, and also the student. Therefore, we have a School Compact which clarifies the roles and responsibilities of each of these parties in supporting the success of each student. It is our hope that this document serves as a cultural blueprint which helps us remember that we all bear a part to play in creating extraordinarily successful scholars.
- 3) Parents and families are invited to visit their teacher's classroom in the beginning of the year for our annual open house. We also host a

Community Day of Service, Winter Program, and Black History Program designed to bring parents and families onto campus. Additional parent workshops like Parent University also provide resources to help parents and families be involved.

- 4) Our school communicates with parents about the state's curricular and assessment expectations, school-wide requirements in relation to the delivery of instruction, the techniques utilized to evaluate student work, and individual classroom routines pertinent to the academic success of our students. Some of our communication techniques include:
 - a. Student and Family Handbook
 - b. Parent Portal on School Website
 - c. Regular email and Remind-101 communications
 - d. Report Cards every 6 weeks, Skyward grades access available on demand
 - e. Parent-Teacher Conferences and check-ins to address each student's unique needs (always available)
 - f. ARD/IEP Meetings (as appropriate)
- 5) Formal general invitations for parents and families to communicate with the school are sent via online surveys distributed at least annually. This feedback is shared with school admin along with the Board to evaluate our progress and make meaningful adjustments to improve our school.
- 6) The school's core administrative structure includes a Superintendent, Principal, Director of Student Achievement, Director of ELA, Director of Math, Dean of Students, Counselor, and Social Worker. Please know that all of them are here to directly support our students and their parents/families.
- 7) The school has a Scholar Success Committee composed of teachers, community leaders, and parents which regularly actively reviews our overall school priorities along with policies and procedures including parent and family engagement. We are always looking for additional parent & family participation in this process, so please contact Principal Mesha White if you have the desire to be more involved in this capacity.

The plan will be reviewed annually with our Scholar Success Committee and revised as necessary. For more information, comments, or suggestions, please contact us at 713-741-8000.