



YELLOWSTONE COLLEGE PREP

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

2022-2023

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 part of our mission to ensure that our students are successful. We are partners in this work. That is why we are committed to maintaining a good line of communication between the school and our students' 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 this through the 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 on two different days at different 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 classrooms 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 (held monthly) like Parent University also provide resources to help parents and families stay involved and

informed. These are held at different days and different times so that as many family members as possible have the opportunity to attend.

- 4) Our school communicates with parents in a number of ways and will provide assistance with the understanding of the state's academic curricular and assessment expectations, school-wide requirements in relation to the delivery of instruction and assessment, 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 and our Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
- 6) The school's core administrative structure includes a Superintendent, Chief of Schools, Principal, and Assistant Principal. In addition Yellowstone employs a full-time nurse and social worker. Along with the teachers and staff, all of these leaders are here to directly support our students and their parents/families.
- 7) We also commit (where reasonable and appropriate) to coordinate our parent involvement/engagement programming with other state, federal, and local programs that Yellowstone conducts.
- 8) At each opportunity involving Parents and Family members, we will create invitations, event agendas and/or programs, sign-in sheets, and minutes (if appropriate). We will also keep a copy of our general correspondence with families throughout the year.
- 9) The school has a Scholar Success Committee composed of teachers, community leaders, and parents who meet on a regular schedule to review our overall school priorities, 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.