

# **A.D. Henderson University School & FAU High School**

## **Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2020 - 2021**

*This plan was jointly developed and agreed upon by staff members and parents. It reflects the goals of our Title I, Part A plan and the beliefs of our staff, parents, and community members.*

### **Mission Statement**

The school has a three-fold mission of (1) being a demonstration site for teacher education; (2) developing curricula; (3) conducting research. (F.S. 228.053)

### **Vision Statement**

A.D. Henderson & FAU High School is a national exemplary model for school systems and teacher preparation programs improving education for diverse student populations through innovative, faculty-developed research and curriculum.

### **Parent - Teacher Conference**

Conferences are one of the most important ways parents/guardians and teachers can work together as a team. Conferences are a helpful way to share information about students' special interests. It is also a good time for discussing academic progress and for gaining ideas about how parents/guardians can best help their child at home. An interpreter is available upon request.

### **School Communication**

- Monthly newsletters
- Email/phone notification system
- School website
- FOCUS app
- Parent/Teacher conference
- Progress reports/report cards

### **Parents' Right to Know**

Parents/guardians may request information regarding the professional qualifications of teachers and staff who work with their child. Visit the Staff/Faculty page on our website for more information.

### **Annual School Activities**

- ★ Meet the Teacher
- ★ Book Fair (tbd)
- ★ Open House/Curriculum Nights
- ★ Orientations for New Families

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- ★ Coffee Chat with the principal or counseling team
- ★ Annual Family Information Night
  - Share information about how to get involved in school-sponsored activities
  - Understand parents' right-to-know

**A. D. Henderson and FAU High Parent/Teacher Organization**

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a very involved group of people who work hand in hand with teachers and staff for the benefit of our students. Parents, guardians, adult family members, teachers, staff, and community members can join the PTO!

The PTO meets four times a year: September, October, January, and May. To join the PTO and help maximize the impact of the educational experience, visit <https://www.mylink.org/adhuspto/>. The PTO sponsors the following activities.

Student and Family Activities\*

- FAU Football Tailgates
- STEM Night
- Halloween Howl
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Movie Night
- Talent Show
- Field Day
- School dances
- Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfasts

Fundraisers\*

- Box Tops
- Rainbow Run
- Auction
- Spirit Store

Support for Faculty and Staff

- Welcome Back for Teachers
- Administrators Day
- Professional Development Day Luncheons
- Teacher Appreciation Week

\*These activities may not occur due to COVID protocol)

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**Parent Information and Resource Center**

Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) were established by the United States Department of Education in 1995 to provide parents/guardians, schools, and organizations with training information and technical assistance to understand how children develop and what they need to succeed in school.

Florida has two PIRCs. The purpose of both agencies is to increase partnership between home and school in order to increase student achievement.

1. Family Network on Disabilities of Florida (FND)  
[www.fndfl.org/projects/pic/index/asp](http://www.fndfl.org/projects/pic/index/asp)
2. Family Involvement Links  
<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-communicity/family-involvement-links.html>

**Other Resources**

[Learning Heroes](#) is a website that supports learning at home. Their mission: to inform and equip parents to best support their children's educational and developmental success.

[Parent and Teacher Planning Tool](#)