

SouthTech Academy & SouthTech Success Center

2019-2020 Campus-Wide Parent & Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) Summary

SouthTech Academy & Success Center recognize the importance of forming a strong partnership with parents and community members in order to positively impact the students in our school(s). To promote effective parent involvement, the faculty and staff at SouthTech Academy & Success Center welcome input from parents and community members in decision making, and encourages them to join us in the activities outlined in this plan.

Involvement of Parents and Shared Decision Making

Through the School Improvement Steering Committee (SISC), Title I Annual Meeting, Parent Trainings and other informational meetings, parents will participate in shared decision making in the following ways:

- Share and review the Title I Family Involvement Survey results.
- Review, evaluate and update the school's Family Involvement Policy/Plan and Parent-School Compact
- Utilize the Title I Family Survey results to initiate change to either of the aforementioned documents
- Provide input on how the Title I parent involvement funds are to be used
- Receive information in a timely manner

Coordination and Integration

- Invite parents to participate in the School Improvement Steering Committee (SISC)
- Equip parents with knowledge and tools to guide post-secondary planning
- Offer Open Houses/Parent Workshops geared towards increasing parent involvement and academic achievement of students
- Involve parents in recruitment initiatives
- Encourage parents to attend quarterly meetings held by Academies

Annual Meeting

- Parents are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of each school year to learn more about the requirements of Title I
- Surveys are given to parents to gain feedback
- After the Annual Meeting, parents were invited to stay and meet their child/children's teachers

Monthly School Improvement Steering Committee (SISC) Meetings

- Parents are given the opportunity to review Title I documents and give input into the following:
 - School Parent Compact
 - Parent & Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)
 - Topics for future parent involvement/training events
 - Title I Budget
 - Volunteering

Accessibility for all Families

We will accommodate families by providing the following:

- Translated documents (4 languages; English, Spanish, Portuguese & Creole)
- Language facilitators (Spanish & Creole)
- Sign Language Interpreters

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Building Capacity

Based on parent survey input, we will provide the following activities to assist parents in understanding how to help improve their student's academic achievement:

- Continue with parent training sessions addressing parent involvement; strategies will be provided on how parents can assist their students at home to increase study skills/test taking strategies, thus increasing academic achievement.
- Parents will be provided with training on topics of interest as determined by post-event feedback as well as from the Annual Meeting.
- Strategies shared to increase parental awareness

Staff Training

- School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Faculty Training—assist teachers in facilitating parental involvement
- Discipline/Parent Contact Planning & Recordkeeping
- Title I Annual Faculty Meeting—communicate last year's Student Improvement Plan (SIP) and current goals
- Promote a safe school-centered environment for all students through sensitivity training
- Address the needs of students not meeting high standards
- Expedite the professional growth of new teachers

Communication

Parents will be provided information in a language and format which is easy to understand. We will communicate with parents by:

- Flyers/Letters
- Newsletters
- Parent Conferences
- Edline
- School Website
- Social Media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Parent Link
- Progress reports
- Report cards
- Individual FSA & EOC scores

Other Activities that Attract Families to Our School

- School Choice Week
- Parent Nights (Fall & Spring)
- College and Career Fair
- Recruitment Open Houses

If you would like to see the full Parent and Family Engagement Plan, or would like to review this summary in a different language, please e-mail Kristen.markevich@pbcharterschools.org, and she will be able to provide this to you within 24 hours.