

**Dothan City Schools
Heard Magnet School
2018-2019**

Please read, sign, and return to your child's teacher. Contact Mrs. Oppert if you have any questions at 334-794-1471.

Parent Involvement/ Family/Community Engagement Plan

Heard Magnet School has established expectations for parent involvement in the educational process. The administration and faculty believe that Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement is one of the most important links to academic success. We are committed to increasing Family Engagement within our school and the community by providing opportunities for parents to actively participate in the education of their child/children in the following ways:

1. Developing jointly with parents, agreeing on with parents, and distributing to parents, a Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement Plan
2. Supporting and encouraging active participation in PTO events and opportunities to serve on event committees
3. Providing opportunities for parents to respond to surveys and questionnaires expressing their ideas and/or concerns to improve education
4. Providing interpreter or translation services when necessary (Please notify the Office if you have a need)
5. Encouraging parents to attend school events and use their talents/resources to enhance the instructional program
6. Providing parents access to written materials in their native language (Please notify the Office if you have a need)
7. Providing regularly scheduled parent meetings
8. Providing descriptions/explanations of curriculum, academic assessments, and student proficiency levels
9. Providing information to help parents work with their children to improve their achievement
10. The school may call or meet with parents periodically to discuss their child/children including attendance, progress, or needs.

The administrators, faculty, and parents will jointly develop, review, revise, and implement the Heard Magnet Continuous Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement Plan, and School Compact requirements according to the guidelines set forth by law and by Dothan City Schools. To build capacity for involvement with parents and the community, Heard Magnet School will:

1. Hold a Parent Meeting at the beginning of the year as well as other parent-teacher meetings inviting all parents to attend
2. Invite feedback from parents and respond to parent questions and concerns in a timely manner
3. Provide all communications in a format and language that is easily understandable to all parents
4. Invite parents to observe Heard Magnet programs and visit classrooms
5. Communicate with parents on a regular basis through newsletters, weekly folders, student progress reports, and report cards
6. Provide scheduled parent-teacher conferences and follow up with requested parent-teacher conferences to discuss student progress
7. Provide parents and the community with assessment results and overall district and building performance
8. Provide parents and community stakeholders a copy of the Heard Magnet Parent Involvement/Family/Community/Engagement Plan
9. Provide meetings and activities to assist parents in understanding the curriculum, academic assessments, and student proficiency levels
10. Provide parents and community stakeholders accessibility to LEA policies and curriculum
11. Provide a calendar of current events and updated website information, as well as distribute notices and communications in a timely manner to inform parents of school activities and academic programs
12. Utilize partnerships with community organizations and adopters to improve student achievement
13. Coordinate and integrate activities and programs through Parent and Community Engagement
14. Invite parents to join and actively participate in the Heard Magnet School PTO

To ensure Heard Magnet School parents participate in the school's programs, we will:


1. Provide an annual meeting to explain committees and discuss ways which parents may become involved
2. Provide times for parent meetings and school events
3. Offer training in understanding test scores and curriculum
4. Provide opportunities for parents to jointly develop, review, and revise Heard Magnet's Parent-School Compact, the Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement Plan, and the Continuous Improvement Plan
5. Provide opportunities for parents to give suggestions and comments about Heard Magnet's Parent-School Compact, the Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement Plan, and the Continuous Improvement Plan and respond to parent comments and suggestions in a timely manner
6. Distribute copies of Heard Magnet's Parent-School Compact and the Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement Plan in a timely manner to all students, parents, and community stakeholders and acquire appropriate signatures
7. Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning and review of school programs
8. Provide access to community and support services
9. Provide parent meetings to explain the curriculum, assessments, and expected student proficiency levels
10. Provide parents opportunities for regular meetings for suggestions, decision-making, and responses
11. Provide responses to parent suggestions, questions, and concerns through newsletters, email, or written/phone communication
12. Provide parents of English Learners information on assisting their children in attaining English proficiency and in achieving academic success
13. Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, timely way, in planning, and reviewing the Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement Plan
14. Provide a scheduled parent-teacher conference during the school year to discuss student progress and to review the School-Compact and Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement Plan

I have read the Heard Magnet School Parent Involvement/Family/Community Engagement Plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

X- _____
Print Student Name

X- _____
Parent Signature

X- _____
Teacher Signature

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Principal Signature