

# Auburn Senior High School

## 2019-20

### Parent and Family Engagement Policy



Auburn Senior High School and the Schoolwide Title 1 program recognize that students have successful educational experiences when families and school staff work together to assist and support the student in their academic endeavors. The following are ways that AHS and Schoolwide Title 1 work in partnership with the parents to promote the educational success of all students.

**Communication/School Climate:** Communication is a key element in the building of the parent/school partnership.

A **Title 1 Compact** is sent home with all students. At this time, parents are asked to commit to ways they will be able to help their children at home. Throughout the course of the year newsletters, emails, phone calls, letters and availability at Open Houses and at Parent-Teacher Conferences are provided to ensure school/parent communication.

**Parent Education:** Parenting requires continuing support to assist with a student's educational needs. Throughout the year Parents will be provided several opportunities to learn more about their student's academic progress, school programs and initiatives, SIP, and course offerings during Open House, Fall and Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences, Quarterly Parent-Summit meetings and the many Post-Secondary/College and Career Nights. Parents may also contact staff to request a parent conference. Staff can also be contacted by email or phone. These opportunities offer parents and staff time to discuss how parents can support their children at home. Monthly High School Title I Parent Newsletters and Calendars contain suggestions for assisting children in a variety of ways. These are available on the school website.

**Involvement in School:** Parent involvement is encouraged. Family Access is available online 24 hours a day to check grades and attendance. Classroom visitations require prearrangement with the student's assistant principal and teacher. Volunteer opportunities are available in some of our programs. Contact the school for additional information.

**Learning at Home:** The Title 1 program encourages students' to practice their skills at home with the support of their parents. Teachers give students assignments that support the curriculum.

**Parent Input:** Parents will have an opportunity to indicate student and family programs that they feel would be helpful for their child's school success. At the beginning and the end of the school year, parents are surveyed to evaluate Title 1 support to assist the school in planning for the next school year.

**Schoolwide Title 1 Literacy Goal:** All students at Auburn Senior High School benefit from our school-wide Title 1 literacy goal. This year's focus is on increasing student comprehension by explicitly teaching, reinforcing and assessing cross-curricular academic vocabulary aligned with the Common Core State Standards and course content vocabulary in addition to teaching summary writing skills. Vocabulary and summary strategies will be implemented in all content areas as part of the schoolwide literacy goal.

**Schoolwide Title 1 Collaboration and Communication Goal:** Communication is a key element in building parent-school partnership. AHS staff is committed to increasing the frequency and effectiveness of teacher-parent communication. This year teachers will contact parents of students who are failing or in jeopardy of failing at each progress reporting period; and teacher grade books will be updated in Skyward every 2 weeks.

**Focused Title 1 Programs:** This year AHS created 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Houses with each 9<sup>th</sup> grader scheduled into house for English, math and science. The goal is to skillfully develop 9<sup>th</sup> graders to learn how to give it their best in years 2, 3 and 4 and beyond. That's the point of 9th grade House. Additional intervention and support is provided to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in SPEAR 10 or 10<sup>th</sup> grade Writing LAB and 11<sup>th</sup> grade Language Intervention classes. Students benefit from receiving additional targeted instruction, time and support in a smaller class size setting.

**Extended Learning Opportunities:**

All extended learning opportunities are dependent on Title 1 funding. AHS currently provides after school tutoring Monday-Thursday from 2:45-4:30 in the library with certificated staff available help students in Core subject areas. Summer school programs will be offered starting in July. Information will be available at the end of May.

Please email or call if you have any questions. 253-931-4880

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