

Parent & Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025

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Legacy the School of Sport Sciences is committed to the education of the children in our community. We feel parent involvement is an essential piece in ensuring that our students are successful in school. We believe that when parents are more involved in the academic process, school becomes more of a priority for their children. Legacy's vision is to educate and inspire gifted and talented students through their interest in careers in athletics while maintaining a focus on academic, social, and personal growth. It is our mission to produce a community of leaders. It is our pledge to maintain a good line of communication from school to home and it is our goal to provide ample opportunities for parental involvement throughout each school year.

Legacy the School of Sport Sciences agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

Annual Title 1 Meetings

Title I is a federally funded program whose purpose is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Schools in which children from low-income families make up at least 40 percent of enrollment are eligible to use Title I funds, with the intent to improve student academic performance. Legacy the School of Sport Sciences will hold an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend. The school will explain the requirements of Title I and the right of the parents to be involved. At least 2 meetings will be offered at the beginning of each school year, at flexible times to maximize the opportunity for parent participation. Transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement, may be provided with funds provided under Title I.

Parent and Family Engagement Plan Development

Legacy the School of Sport Sciences will meet with parents at the beginning of the year. During this meeting, parents will receive information about the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan and will be informed of their parental right to be involved in the development of the plan through meetings, surveys, and questionnaires. If the program plan is not satisfactory to parents, they may submit comments on the plan to the school administrator. The plan will be sent home with students at the beginning of each school year and posted to the school's website.

Legacy the School of Sport Sciences will present the Parent and Family Engagement Policy to parents at the Annual Title I Meeting and will also post the policy on the campus website once it has been approved. Parents will be involved in planning, reviewing, and improving the policy through a yearly review. All parents will have the opportunity to participate in this review. In addition, the school will distribute the Parent and Family Engagement Policy at parent conferences, family nights, and at all other parent and community events, as well as post the approved policy on its website.

Communication

The school will utilize a variety of communication avenues to keep parents informed of information related to school and parent programs, students' expected proficiency levels, meetings, and other activities in a timely manner, including:

Primary Communication:

- Email (especially via Parent Liaison Patty Fisk at <u>patty.fisk@legacysss.org</u>)
- School website https://www.legacycmhs.org/

Additional Communication Methods:

- Social media including Instagram @theschoolofsportsciences, X (formerly Twitter) @legacyplayon, and Facebook
- Canvas (student grades and academic content)
- Websmart Report card, progress report, attendance
- BAND (Grade level, transportation, team and programs information, event reminders)
- Phone calls
- Parent conferences
- Parent meetings
- Family nights
- Newsletter

Curriculum

Legacy utilizes curriculum materials aligned with state academic standards including but not limited to

- Edgenuity (Imagine Learning)
- DMAC
- TEKS Resource System
- MyPath learning pathway tailored to individual student needs

Faculty will work to find a balance between classroom support and utilization of digital learning platforms. We welcome feedback from families to design an appropriate approach for teacher-student engagement.

The Canvas platform is utilized as a home for all course materials in order to streamline access to assignments and resources. Students and their parents/guardians can easily monitor class progress by accessing the Canvas homepage and gradebook for each of their courses.

Forms of Academic Assessment

Students' academic progress is assessed through mid-semester benchmark testing in the fall and spring. Assessments are formulated through the DMAC platform which models assessments after the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR tests. Previously released STAAR test questions are integrated into the regular curriculum so students are familiarized with the testing format.

Dissension Process

Parents will have the opportunity to submit comments/concerns to Legacy the School of Sport Sciences if the schoolwide plan and/or Parent and Family Engagement Policy is not satisfactory to parents. Comments/concerns can be sent to the Parent Involvement Liaison at patty.fisk@legacysss.org or by phone at 713-400-7848.

School/Parent Compact

Legacy the School of Sport Sciences will jointly develop with parents of participating children a school/parent compact that outlines how families, school, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards and how the plan is used, reviewed, and updated. The school will hold an Annual Title I Schoolwide Parent Meeting during the first two months of the school year to review and discuss needed changes to the jointly developed school compact. In the spring of each year, Legacy the School of Sport Sciences will review this document and revise as necessary for the coming year. Using this method of updating the compact, campuses will elicit feedback from students, faculty, and families in the spring and fall of each year.

Building Parent Involvement

Legacy the School of Sport Sciences will build the capacity for strong parental involvement to ensure effective partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement. For the 2024-25 school year, the following Parent and Family Engagement meeting opportunities will be available to help parents of children served by the school:

- Returning Student Check-In Information regarding upcoming year including programs, fees, transportation, and sign-up opportunities, volunteer sign-up
- Campus Title I Meeting details about Title I services, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the school compact will be discussed at meetings held in the fall and spring and attendees will be asked to provide feedback.
- Open House and Meet-the-Teacher Events
- Transfer Student Welcome & Info Session
- State Testing In the spring the school's counselor or principal will provide a brief overview for parents of the required state assessments including information related to
 - o the state's academic content standards
 - o the state's student academic achievement standards
 - the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - o the requirements of Title I
 - how to monitor their child's progress, and
 - how to work with educators
- Family night each semester for information and other topics that are pertinent to students 6th 12th grade.
- Legacy Friends Parent volunteer opportunities

Accessibility

Legacy the School of Sport Sciences will ask parents to work within the community to garner support for events such as family nights, parent workshops, parent conferences, and various other parent events. Surveys will be sent out to parents to gather input regarding topics of need and to identify barriers to parent participation. Parent workshops will be held as needed to encourage parental involvement in academia.

Family and community persons will be made aware of the training sessions through resources such as email, social media, and the school website. Parents will have access to student grades and attendance at any time. Our campus maintains normal business hours and welcomes feedback in the form of personal visits, conferences, emails, and phone calls. Please note, appointments are preferred so that parents may be offered our full attention. Appointments can be made through the school website at https://www.legacycmhs.org/

The Office of Student Academic Affairs is responsible for assisting with the review and publishing of this policy. Please contact Patty Fisk at patty.fisk@legacysss.org or by phone at 713-400-7848 with comments or suggestions. Please refer to www.legacycmhs.org for information on forms and handbooks, calendars of school events, how to become a volunteer, or inquire about opportunities to serve on committees or participate in other parent opportunities.