

**Sunrise Mountain High School
Parent and Family Engagement
Policy
2019-2020**

1. This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the Sunrise Mountain High School staff and parents of students served in the school pursuant to Title I.

Sunrise Mountain High School will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time for parents to evaluate this policy. This meeting was held on September 9, 2019. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings are held during the school day to provide parents multiple opportunities to attend. The school's parent and family engagement policy developed by the SOT team will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. The parent and family engagement policy will also be made available to the community via the school website. If parents were unable to attend the Title I Annual Meeting the accompanying PowerPoint will also be made available online.

2. Plan for including parents in the writing of the school performance plan:

Sunrise Mountain High School will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, school improvement plan, and parent engagement policy. Parent representatives are present during the School Organizational Team (SOT) meetings and vote on the School Performance Plan (SPP) and the Budget, as well as any other issues that make the agenda. PAC meetings are also held monthly and discussions regarding the school performance plan are conducted. Additionally, any concerns that arise at PAC meetings can be added to the SOT agenda for discussion and resolution.

During the Title I Meeting, held during Open House on September 11, 2019, when the Parent and Family Engagement Plan was revised, district wide survey data and school wide survey data was shared with parents as part of the annual Title I Annual Meeting. Some of the higher scoring issues that were celebrated with parents were 100% of parents reported that the equipment and facilities at Sunrise Mountain HS work well, 87.5% of parents reported that they feel welcomed at school, 88% of parents responded that they felt their child felt safe at school and 82.6% of parents felt that teachers at Sunrise Mountain High School really care about their child. The meeting was advertised on Facebook, as are the survey links each year. The PowerPoint was shared at the Title I Annual Meeting.

In order to increase parent participation in the district wide survey, computer labs will be open during all parent events during the survey window. Based on the data that 23.8% of the parents surveyed strongly disagreed or disagreed that Sunrise Mountain High School does a good job to prevent bullying, we will ensure that any and all bullying allegations are completely investigated and parents are informed.

3. Timeline for sending home the Educational Involvement Accords:

The Educational Involvement Accords is now part of the Online Registration Tool (OLR) in Infinite Campus. All students are required to complete the OLR, thus receiving and completing the Educational Involvement Accord. It is used at our school on an as needed basis.

4. Parent Supports:

In order to provide assistance to parents in understanding such topics as the state's content and achievement standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their

child's academic progress, and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of their child:

Sunrise Mountain held a Freshman Orientation Night, August 8, 2019, to introduce parents to the Miner staff and allow students to meet their teachers and become accustomed with the campus and school culture.

Sunrise Mountain held an Open House on September 11, 2019, to allow parents to meet their students' teachers. This also allowed parents the opportunity to make teachers aware of requested parent conferences.

Parents will be invited to attend frequent parent meetings to learn about academic activities targeted to support student success.

Parents will be encouraged to be a part of the Parent Advisory Committee and the School Organizational Team (SOT).

Parents will be encouraged to utilize classes offered by the FACES department, part of their University of Family Learning (UFL), the product of a grant.

Parents are encouraged to check out a variety of learning materials from the Sunrise Mountain High School College and Career Center/Welcome Center. These materials include books, videos, laptops, magazines, etc. These tools will provide parents with additional resources to work with and support their child at home.

Sunrise Mountain High School will host several parent nights throughout the year, including: Freshman Orientation, Open House, Homecoming Carnival and Gear Up Family Night, College Night, FAFSA Night. These activities will give parents additional information about the school's curriculum and available resources to use at home with their child.

Parents are given information on Infinite Campus, shown how to check grades and attendance and are also informed on how to request a parent/teacher conference.

We have Communities in Schools on campus to offer resources to families such as school supplies, weekend meals and other services as needed.

We also have Jobs for Nevada's Graduates (JNG) on campus providing job preparation assistance for students.

All information related to school and parent programs and activities is sent home to parents in English and Spanish, as well as being posted on the school website AT <http://www.sunrisemountainhs.com/>

During these events the emphasis is to increase parent and family engagement as well as to build relationships between families, faculty and/or staff.

5. Sunrise Mountain High School Administration will:

Involve and encourage parents to participate in the following programs: FACES classes, the College and Career Center, and frequent parent meetings. Sunrise Mountain High School will provide a parent

comment/suggestion box after Parent Nights to help provide any additional support or resources parents may require.

Administration will encourage teachers to maintain positive parent communication to reach out and work with parents. Parent teacher conferences are to be scheduled after school and that is handled through the 1300 counseling office.