



# High Hills Elementary School

# SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## High Hills Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2017-2018

1. High Hills Elementary School believes that parents and schools are partners when it comes to the education of our children. Studies show that when parents are involved, students are more successful and have:
  - higher test scores, grades and graduation rates;
  - better school attendance and attitudes toward schoolwork;
  - increased motivation and self-esteem;
  - lower rates of school suspension;
  - decreased use of drugs and alcohol.
2. High Hills Elementary School's 2017-2018 Title I Parent and Family Engagement policy has been developed jointly with, and distributed to, the parents. Parents will be invited to an annual Title I meeting at the beginning of the school year to plan, review and revise the policy as needed.
3. Participants identified the following as goals of the parent and family engagement policy:
  - Encourage parents, guardians, and grandparents to be involved with their child's education and to encourage high achievement.
  - Open lines of communication between parents and schools;
  - Remove or prevent barriers between the school and economically disadvantaged families; families with limited English proficiency and/or limited literacy; families with special needs or disabilities; and families of any racial or ethnic minority background.
4. Parent conferences and meetings are held at different times of day throughout the year.
5. Title I funds are used when necessary to enable parents to participate in school meetings, training sessions, and parent involvement activities. Funds may be used for transportation, child care, home visits.
6. Parents will be invited to an annual Title I meeting in the spring to review and make recommendations to improve the Title I school program and to assist in the development of the next year's Title I plan and School Renewal plan.
7. A variety of workshops and family nights will assist parents in understanding and supporting High Hills Elementary academic and behavioral expectations.
8. Opportunities for feedback and suggestions are provided: conferences, meetings, roundtable sessions, principal email (principal will respond within a reasonable time).
9. High Hills Elementary provides opportunities for all parents, regardless of disability or English proficiency. If needed, a translator will be provided.

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*Sumter School District is an equal opportunity employer.*