SHS has developed a written Title I family involvement policy with input from our parent community. This policy describes the means for encouraging and promoting meaningful parent/family involvement and will be distributed during monthly scheduled meetings and made available to the local SHS community on the school’s website.

To involve parents and families in the Title I program at SHS the following practices have been established:

1. At the beginning of each new school year SHS will hold an annual meeting, to inform parents and guardians about school-wide Title I requirements and to explain the rights of parents and families. This meeting will be held at a time that is convenient for families.

2. Throughout the school year, SHS offers a flexible number of meetings for parents and families, such as Parent-In-Touch Day (PIT), parent-teacher conferences and monthly programs/meetings.

During these meetings, information related to school-wide Title I programming will be presented:

- An explanation of all curricula implemented at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- Special opportunities available to students and families, which enhance students’ achievement and college readiness.
- Materials and training to help parents work with their student to improve study skills and academic achievement.
- Guest speakers related to current educational topics, policies and issues including college and career readiness.

3. SHS will inform all staff on best practices and expectations related to communicating and working with parents as equal partners. Each student will be assigned an Advisor, who is expected to maintain communication with each student’s parents and/or family members.

4. The school principal will act to ensure that all information related to the school and parent/family meetings and activities are sent to the student’s family in an understandable format.

5. The school involves parents in the planning and improvement of the school’s Title I programs and the Title I Parental Involvement Policy. As part of this on-going evaluation, the school will conduct an annual parent survey during the second semester of school to identify those barriers that hinder parent participation in school activities. The findings will be used to develop new strategies for more effective parent/family involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the school’s Parent/Family Involvement Policy.
6. Information gathered from the annual survey will also be used jointly, with parents, SHS’s School-Parent Compact, if a need is identified. This is a written agreement between the entire school staff, parents/family members, and students and will delineate shared responsibilities for ensuring each student’s continued academic success.

This school wide Parental Involvement Policy has been jointly developed with and agreed on with parents/family members of SHS and will be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year.

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