

Kennedy High School

Parent/Guardian and Family Engagement Policy



Core Values and Beliefs

The mission of John F. Kennedy High School is to promote academic excellence, individual opportunities, and critical thinking for each student. In collaboration with parents/guardians and families and our community, we commit to the following set of core values and beliefs about learning to ensure that each student is prepared for the 21st century.

Our core values include and emphasize:

- Personal Responsibility
- Respect
- Integrity
- Determination
- Excellence

The following beliefs about learning guide development of instructional practices:

- All students have the potential to achieve.
- All graduates will be college or career ready and are capable of resolving real world challenges.
- Each student has something unique to offer our school and community.
- Students are diverse learners therefore, instruction and assessment need to be differentiated, personalized, and varied allowing them to become willing and productive thinkers.
- Students need timely, regular, and meaningful feedback.
- Students learn best when instruction ensures they are active, self-directed, and inquisitive.
- Students learn best when instruction provides opportunities to use appropriate skills within and across disciplines.
- Students learn best when instruction insures they have equal opportunities to work alone, to reflect on their learning, and to work collaboratively in realistic settings.

Our learning expectations for each student include the following:

- Students will work effectively and productively both individually and collaboratively.
- Students will evaluate information critically, use information accurately from a wide variety of sources, and understand the ethical issues surrounding the use of information.
- Students will read, write, and communicate effectively.
- Students will be emergent thinkers who demonstrate originality and creativity.
- Students demonstrate respect, responsibility, honesty, and integrity while developing skills and qualities to succeed professionally and personally.

We are committed to an equal partnership with parents and guardians in adherence to the following:

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1. Kennedy High School will make available information pertaining to:

- Curriculum/programs of study
- Local and state standards
- Graduation requirements
- Methods of contact with faculty/staff
- Bus routes
- District policies

2. Kennedy High School recognizes that parents, guardians and families have the responsibility to:

- Actively communicate with staff when they have a concern
- Be aware of rules and regulations of the school
- Play an active role in their student's education
- Make every effort to see that their student attends school every day, on time, in dress code, and prepared
- Utilize opportunities offered to participate in meetings, workshops and activities
- Respect the school, staff, other students and families

3. Kennedy High School recognizes that the members of our staff have the responsibility to:

- Communicate with parents, guardians and family members in a friendly manner
- Provide timely communications to parents, guardians and families regarding their child's academic, behavioral and attendance status
- Have regular two-way communication with parents, guardians and families through conferences, progress reports, telephone calls and postings on the school website
- Inform parents, guardians and families of school activities and events through newsletters, websites, emails, and other social media outlets administered by Kennedy High School

4. Kennedy High School will engage in the following activities to promote maximum parent, guardian and family engagement:

- Offer parents, guardians and families the opportunity to provide suggestions and participate in decision making regarding activities to support/improve parent, guardian and family engagement
- Reinforce team work and communication to support students in reaching their highest potential
- Hold a Title 1 meeting annually explaining the nature of Title 1 regulations and programs
- Provide inclusive activities that engage parents and families supporting the education process, successful graduation, and advancement to a higher education or career setting