

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

A strong connection between the home and school is essential to a student's academic, personal, and social growth and development. All school site personnel at El Camino Real High School are committed to maintaining and promoting all forms of parent participation. The Parent Involvement Policy has been developed by the English Learner Categorical Program Advisor, the Instructional Team, and the School Site Council. The policy is updated annually and distributed to parents through students' homerooms and is accessible on the school's website ([ecrhs.net](http://ecrhs.net)).

The El Camino Real High School parent community supports many programs at the school. These active parent groups have established a Parent Center (room T-30) on campus where parent meetings are held on a regular basis. Parents and students serve on the School Site Council (operated under a LEARN waiver), the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), the School-to-Career Committee, the Student Achievement Committee, the Literacy Cadre, and the Instructional Team. Parents enthusiastically participate in the PTSA, PTSA Korean Parent Committee, and Band Support Group. The parent group Friends of ECR was formed in 2004 to raise funds in support of technology, security and nursing, via their very successful fundraiser, Monte Carlo Night.

### A. Policy Involvement

- ECR will be accommodating in scheduling meeting times (morning, afternoon, or evening) in order to accommodate parents' work schedules and to extend the opportunity for participation to parents living outside of the surrounding area.
- ECR will convene monthly School Site Council (operated under a LEARN waiver) for all parents and ELAC meetings for all parents of English learner students.
- ECR parents will be involved in the planning, review and improvement, on an annual basis, of the school Parental Involvement Policy and the Single Plan for Student Achievement.
- ECR will provide to parents:
  - Description and explanation of the curriculum and academic assessments
  - The proficiency levels students are expected to meet
  - The opportunity to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children
- ECR will include written comments from parents regarding the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement when the plan is submitted to the District.

### B. Building Capacity for Involvement

- ECR will provide assistance to parents in understanding the State Academic and Content Standards and District assessments and content standards.
- At the following workshops and parent meetings, ECR will provide support to parents so that they may help their students improve academically:
  - Back-To-School Night in the Fall and Spring Semesters
  - 8<sup>th</sup>-Grade Transition to High School Meeting

*Our MISSION is to educate our diverse student body by developing students' talents and skills so that they will succeed in a changing world, value and respect themselves and others, and make a positive contribution to our global society.*

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
- 10<sup>th</sup>-grade Counseling Night (for 9<sup>th</sup>-grade & 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students & parents)
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade “Just for Juniors” Informational Night
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Informational Workshops (UC Application workshop, FAFSA & CALGRANT Application workshop)
- College Knowledge Night (for all students)
- GATE (Gifted & Talented Education) Meetings
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Meetings
- Humanitas “Welcome Back Breakfast” with students and parents
- Humanitas Parent Night Meeting
- English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting
- Coffee with the Principal
- School Tours (the first Friday of every month)
- ECR shall present professional development to the entire staff on developing effective communication between staff and parents in order to promote an equal partnership between the home and school.
- ECR uses an up-to-date website and an automatic phone message system to communicate meetings, activities information important to parents. Parents are able to view their child’s grades online and contact teachers via email.
- ECR shall maintain the Parent Center and conduct parent involvement activities in order to encourage and support parents in participating in the education of their children.
- ECR shall make certain that information related to the school is distributed to parents in a format and language accessible to parents.
- ECR will provide support for parental involvement activities as requested by parent surveys.

### C. Accessibility

- ECR will make available to ALL parents, including parents not proficient in English, parents involved in migrant work, and parents of traveling students, meaningful opportunities for involvement.
- School reports and information will be provided to parents in a language and format accessible to parents.