

# Eagle Rock Jr./Sr. High School

## Parent Involvement Policy (2014/2015 School Year)

At ERHS, our students' parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's educational career. The purpose of the ERHS Parent Involvement Policy is to encourage parental and community involvement, especially with the teaching/learning process.

### I. Policy Involvement:

- ERHS convenes an annual Title I meeting in the Fall to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and their right to be involved. Flyers announcing the meeting are distributed to parents during the Fall Back to School Night, posted on the school website ([www.erhs.la](http://www.erhs.la)), posted outside the Title I Office (on the Title I Information board) and in the Parent Center, and a ConnectEd phone message is sent to all families in both English and Spanish,
- ERHS offers a flexible number of day and evening orientations and meetings that cover a range of topics including:
  - The School Compact
  - Navigating the school website ([www.erhs.la](http://www.erhs.la))
  - Course Syllabi and the International Baccalaureate Program
  - High School Graduation Requirements
  - The California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)
- ERHS involves parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of its Title I programs and Parent Involvement Policy (PIP) by:
  - Inviting parents to participate in councils and committees that question, discuss, design, and make decisions regarding funding, policies and review/ improvement of the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). The various councils and committees include:
    - English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
    - School Site Council (SSC)
    - IB Steering Committee
    - Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
    - ER Magnet Advisory Committee (ERMAG)
    - Boosters Club
  - Appropriately allocating Title I funds, as necessary, to facilitate increased parent participation in school-wide decision-making.
- ERHS provides parents with timely information about the Title I program through regularly updated postings on the school website ([www.erhs.la](http://www.erhs.la)), ConnectEd phone messages, and through the Parent Center (open Monday through Friday from 8:00-1:30 pm) which serves as liaison between the school and community. The Parent Center:
  - Promotes LAUSD "School Experience Survey"
  - Assists teachers in communicating with parents
  - Recruits Parent Volunteers
  - Assists Parents in Accessing the online grades and other academic support
  - Assists in Extracurricular Events
  - Assists with Fundraising
  - Communicates with parents regarding Parent Engagement Classes sponsored by The Division of Adult and Career Education
- ERHS provides parents with an explanation of the curriculum, academic assessment and proficiency levels students are expected to meet by communicating regarding student progress and upcoming events occurring on a regular basis through:
  - [www.erhs.la](http://www.erhs.la) (school website)
  - Phone messages through ConnectEd
  - Course syllabi for all classes
  - The School bulletin
  - Parent Conferences
  - Back to School Night
  - Facebook
  - Yahoo Group
  - Email
  - School Calendar
  - Parent Volunteers
- ERHS provides parents many opportunities for regular meetings to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children through a variety of advisory councils and committees such as:
  - School Site Council (SSC)
  - English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC)
  - Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
  - International Baccalaureate Parent Steering Committee
  - Eagle Rock Magnet Assistance Club (ERMAG)
  - ALL Sports Boosters Club
  - Student Success Team (SST)

## II. **Shared Responsibilities for High Academic Achievement:**

- ERHS has adopted the district-recommended school-parent compact which describes the rights and responsibilities of each stakeholder group: the school, the student, and the parent. This compact has been developed and annually reviewed by parents and other stakeholders with input from all school committees (i.e. SSC, ELAC, ERMAC).
- Orientation meetings for parents of incoming students inform them of policies related to:
  - Attendance, Discipline/Code of Conduct, Homework, Parent/Student Handbooks, School Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Policy
  - All policies including School Parent Compact and Parent Involvement Policy are distributed to the entire school population every fall. In addition, the PIP and Compact are posted on [www.erhs.la](http://www.erhs.la) under the Parents tab.

## III. **Building Capacity:**

- ERHS assists parents in understanding academic content and achievement standards and assessments and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children by hosting community activities such as:
  - Family Academic Nights (Mathematics)
  - Annual Career Fair
  - PHBAO Conferences and Back to School Night
  - Opportunities about higher education can be found via
    - [www.erhs.la](http://www.erhs.la) (school website)
    - Alumni Association
    - College Center
- ERHS provides materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement by/through:
  - Online Grade/Periodic Assessment Access Workshop
  - Website Exploration Workshop
  - Family Math Night Event
  - Anti-Bullying Lecture
  - Supplemental Educational Services (SES)-Free Tutoring Through Beyond the Bell Online Application Workshop
  - Cash for College Workshop
  - PSAT Score Access
  - SAT Support-Saturdays
  - Parent Education Mini Workshops (Division of Adult and Career Education)
  - A-G Requirement Workshops
- ERHS educates staff in the value of parent contributions and how to work with parents as equal partners via:
  - On-going professional development
  - Faculty/Staff Meetings
  - Character Counts- Athletic Meeting
  - Student Led Conference Training
- ERHS coordinates and integrates parental involvement with other programs and conducts activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children through:
  - World Fit for Kids- WFIT-Afterschool Program
  - School Site Council (SSC)
  - English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC)
  - Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
  - International Baccalaureate Parent Steering Committee
  - Eagle Rock Magnet Assistance Club (ERMAC)
  - ALL Sports Booster Club
  - Parent Community Services Branch (PCSB)- Parent Training
- ERHS distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities in a format and in a language the parents understand by having meetings translated into Spanish and Tagalog, and providing oral and written communication in English and Spanish.
- ERHS provides such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities by providing the following:
  - Support Services- School Police, School Psychologist, Nurse, Librarian, Counselors, Pupil Services and Attendance (PSA) counselor, and Psychiatric Social Worker (PSW).
  - After School Programs- A World Fit for Kids(WFIT)
  - Parent Center staff who are trained to encourage increased parent involvement

## IV. **Accessibility:**

- ERHS provides full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory students in a format and in a language that parents understand through:
  - Providing translation services for meetings and providing both verbal and written communication in English and Spanish.
  - A wheelchair-accessible campus.
  - Support services by the Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor (PSA) for parents of migratory students.
  - Staff is available to provide services for parents needing accommodations.