

A.D. Henderson University School & FAU High School Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2024-2025

*This plan has been jointly developed and agreed upon by staff members and parents.
It reflects the goals of our Title I, Part A plan and the beliefs of our staff, parents, and community members.*

Mission Statement

The Alexander D. Henderson University School and FAU High School endeavors to: (1) demonstrate best practices in teacher education; (2) innovate, develop, and provide students a challenging curriculum, balanced with innovative academic support; and (3) conduct and support emerging educational research.

Vision Statement

A.D. Henderson & FAU High School is a national exemplary model for school systems and teacher preparation programs improving education for diverse student populations through innovative, faculty-developed research and curriculum.

Parent - Teacher Conference

Conferences are one of the most important ways parents/guardians and teachers can work together as a team. Conferences are a helpful way to share information about students' special interests. It is also a good time for discussing academic progress and for gaining ideas about how parents/guardians can best help their child at home. An interpreter is available upon request.

School Communication

- Monthly newsletters
- Email/phone notification system
- School website
- FOCUS app
- Parent/Teacher conference
- Progress reports/report cards

Parents' Right to Know

Parents/Guardians may request information regarding the professional qualifications of teachers and staff who work with their child.

Annual School Activities

- Meet the Teacher
- Book Fair
- Open House/Curriculum Nights
- Back-to-School Orientation/Welcome meetings (virtual)
- Annual Family Information Night, traditionally held during the first PTO meeting of the school year
 - Overview of the Title I program
 - Share information about how to get involved in school-sponsored activities
 - Understand parents' right-to-know

A. D. Henderson and FAU High Parent/Teacher Organization

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a very involved a group of people who work hand in hand with teachers and staff for the benefit of our students. Parents, guardians, adult family members, teachers, staff, and community members can join the PTO!

The PTO meets four times a year: September, October, January, and May. To join the PTO and help maximize the impact of the educational experience, visit <https://adhuspto.givebacks.com/>. The PTO sponsors the following activities:

Student and Family Activities

- FAU Football Tailgates
- STEM Night
- Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Holiday Shoppe
- Movie Night
- Parents Night Out
- Father Figure/Daughter Dance
- Mother Figure/Son Game Night
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Kindergarten VIP Breakfast

Fundraisers

- Box Tops
- Owls Run
- Spirit Store

Support for Faculty and Staff

- Welcome Back for Teachers
- Administrators Day
- Professional Development Day Luncheons
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Parent Information and Resource Center

Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) were established by the United States Department of Education in 1995 to provide parents/guardians, schools, and organizations with training information and technical assistance to understand how children develop and what they need to succeed in school. Florida has two PIRCs. The purpose of both agencies is to increase partnership between home and school in order to increase student achievement.

1. Family Network on Disabilities of Florida (FND): <https://fndusa.org/>
2. Florida Department of Education Family & Community Engagement: <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/parental-involvement/>
3. Florida Department of Education Family Involvement Important Links: <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/family-involvement-links.stml>