

PARENT UNIVERSITY

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WHAT IS PARENT UNIVERSITY?

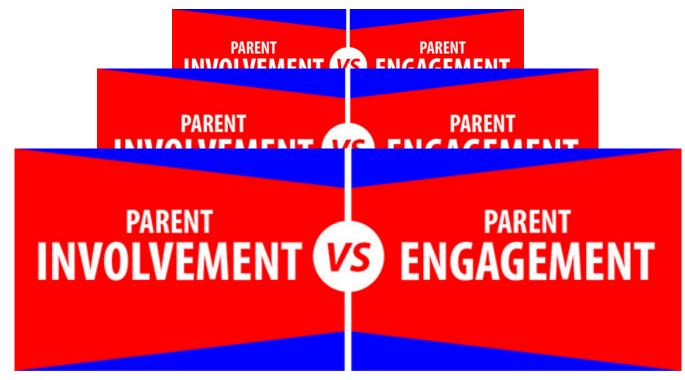
- Parent University is a collaborative initiative that allows parents, local community members, and stakeholders to engage in learning.
- Parent University is a program designed to improve the overall academic performance of the school, individual student performance and provide parents opportunities to grow.

WHY PARENT UNIVERSITY?

- Educate parents through 21st Century Learning
- Empower parents
- Build trust between student, parent, and school
- Increase student success
- Engage parents and build community climate and culture
- Build a network of experts and resources for families
- Create educational opportunities for parents



Parent University gives parents the tools and knowledge to increase student success



Resources

Parents want to help, but do they know how to help their child in the 21st century of education?



"I can't play video games with you after school. I have to help my father help me with my homework."

Course Calendar

Fall: 4 courses
August – ECHS and College Information Night
September – Technology 101
October – Organization, Study Habits and Time Management
November – Opportunities and Resources

Spring: 4 courses January – Health and Wellness February – Emotional Intelligence and Parenting March – Building and Maintaining Self-esteem April – Family Dynamics & Team Building

ECHS and College Information Night

- 1. Introduction of staff
- 2. Title 1 information
- 3. Grading systems
- 4. Online learning systems Webadvisor, Blackboard, itslearning, Achieve3000, TTM
- 5. Policies and procedures
- 6. Communication for students and parents/FERPA
- 7. College resources
- 8. 1 to 1 technology expectations
- 9. Student and family resources



Technology 101

- 1. Student technology systems
- 2. Parent login and stay plugged in
- 3. Systems we use in the classroom
 - a) FWISD: Achieve3000, Think Through Math, Itslearning, Onenote, Duolingo, Khan Academy, College Board, E-binders, Calendar, Edmodo, Powerpoint, Sway, Study Island, SAT/ACT Tutorials
 - b) College: WebAdvisor, Blackboard, Canvas TSI tutorial program
 - c) Communication: Remind101, Email, Focus



Organization, Study Habits and Time Management

- 1. Based on AVID strategies
- 2. Agendas
- 3. Backwards Mapping in calendar/reminders
- 4. E-binders
- 5. Cornell Notes—study strategies
- 6. Peer tutorials/tutoring
- 7. Building relationships with professors
- 8. Time Management—what are your rocks?



Opportunities and Resources

School Resources:

- a) Counseling Services
- b) INOK
- c) Social Emotional Service
- d) Community Service Programs



Opportunities and Resources

College Resources:

- a) Disability Services
- b) Career Services
- c) Veteran Services
- d) Community Outreach: A mobile program created to equip individuals and their families with the resources needed to succeed in higher education by participating in events throughout the community.
- e) Dental Hygiene Clinic: Our Northeast Campus Dental Hygiene Program students perform preventative services under the direct supervision of full-time and part-time licensed faculty in a dedicated clinic.
- f) Faith-Based Outreach: A program designed to inform, prepare and support families in higher education by partnering with other institutions in the community.
- g) Family Empowerment Center: A South Campus center designed to help you get into and complete college—even if economic or other barriers have been holding you back—while supporting quality of life for your family.
- h) Visions Unlimited: A program available at our South Campus which aims to empower the homeless in higher education.

Health and Wellness

- 1. Intro to teenage health and wellness
- 2. Calorie intake for adults/teenagers
- 3. Nutrition for adults/teenagers
- 4. Proper hydration
- 5. Activity/exercise—pedometers
- 6. Parent engagement—drum fit
- 7. Healthy lunch/snack options

Social Emotional

Use of Title 1 Funds to hire outside vendor/presenter.

We have used Experiential Solutions*–Michael Brown

- Emotional intelligence and parenting
- Building and maintaining self-esteem
- Family dynamics and team building (family night)

*Experiential Solutions also works with our students on mentoring, team building activities, and special topics.



DESIGNING YOUR OWN PARENT UNIVERSITY

- What are your school's needs?
- What are your goals for the program?
- Who is coordinating the event?
- What resources do you have?
- What funding do you have?
- What are course topics of interest to your parents/community?
- Who should you get involved?



Institution of Higher Education Partnership

Academic Programs and Degrees

Enroll in convenient, affordable and flexible college credit courses to help you jumpstart your career.

Community & Industry Education (CIE)

Enroll in convenient, affordable and flexible non-credit programs to help you grow in your professional and personal life.



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PERSONAL ENRICHMENT & LEISURE

- Knowledge can enhance your quality of life.
- We offer a wide variety of courses to help you reach your personal improvement goals. Some areas of personal enrichment/personal interest classes include:
 - <u>Arts & Crafts</u>
 - Dance, Music & Theater
 - Languages (see also ESL)
 - Motorcycle Riding
 - <u>Photography</u>
 - Physical Fitness, Recreation & Sports

Community and Vendors

- Guests and keynote speakers
- Community resources (YMCA, Goodwill, local churches and community centers)
- Local Rotary Club
- School board, local government agencies
- Local businesses
- 4-year universities
- Your IHE



Questions?

Thank you!