



2019-20 Family Engagement Plan

AGAPE Highschool of the St. Paul Public Schools offers young women who are pregnant or parenting an educational option. We offer all core classes required for graduation, as well as College In the Schools and other Post Secondary Educational Options.

The Family Engagement Plan (FEP) is organized into four impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school developed this plan together. We invite parents and community feedback and input on our plan. Please contact Lois Vosika-Weir @Lois.vosika-weir@spps.org for feedback / input.

Welcoming Environment	
<p>Our school staff member(s) are available for families to discuss this plan and ask questions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Liaison: Social Worker, Christy McCoy ● Administrator : Lois Vosika-Weir
<p>Our school communicates with families in many ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Watch our website for information www.agape.spps.org ● AGAPE High School also sends out important Blackboard Connect phone messages. ● When families call, email or send a note, we do our best to respond within 24 hours.
<p>The achievement gap, or rather the “opportunity gap” between students of color and white students in Saint Paul Public Schools is unacceptable. Our school is working to change practices and systems by identifying the barriers that make it harder for students of color to succeed and for their families to support their learning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For more about our work on racial equity, contact our administrator: Lois Vosika-Weir. ● Agape has staff meetings once a month devoted to Equity and how we are responding in order to work toward decreasing the achievement gap.
<p>Transitions between schools can be challenging, and we work to help families as their children start and leave our school.</p>	<p>For new students and families, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students and families that are new to AGAPE are welcome to tour our building. After the tour, a meeting with the Administrator and Guidance Counselor will take place where your daughter will develop an educational & graduation plan. <p>For students and families moving to the next school in their pathway, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The guidance counselor, social worker and support services will work with the new school to coordinate the transitions. ● AGAPE offers dual credits through University of Minnesota and St. Paul College. These are helpful in transitioning to higher education.

Family Partnerships

<p>Our school-parent compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families, and students. Families and teachers work together to develop the compact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Copies of the compact are available: The Compact is available in our family Involvement handbook and online on AGAPE’s website, www.agape.spps.org or in printed form. Call AGAPE’s clerk 651-744-7970 for a copy. ● The compact will be updated: 6/2020
<p>There are many opportunities for families to build connections to the school and to each other.</p> <p>Contact the Guidance counselor for information about our Career/College fairs & college field trips for your participation and get information about Post Secondary Options for your daughter. Also, contact the guidance counselor with questions about continuing or completing your own educational goals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title I Annual Meeting where we will share information about school programs on August 21, 2019 at 10am. ● Grandparents Day (date TBD) ● Parent-Principal Partnership meetings - Directly preceding conferences (see conference dates) ● National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) February 2020, Hmong New Year November 2019, Karen Heritage December 2019, Latina Heritage May 2020, and an American Indian Event October 14, 2019 ● School Conferences and access to Schoology and Parent Portal provide parents with opportunities to see student progress. ● AGAPE staff will call families to notify them of events and also about student progress; positive feedback as well as areas students need to focus more on.
<p>We work to make these meetings and events available for every family in the school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All events at AGAPE will provide an interpreter upon request. ● AGAPE will work with families to conduct conferences during the school day. We ask families to schedule these in advance. ● Transportation to and from FEP-related events is available.
<p>Our school supports families as advocates and provides opportunities for parent leadership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you have concerns about your child, please attend one of 3 Parent Principal Partnership Meetings we will have throughout the year or feel free to email or call your daughter’s teacher or AGAPE’s administrator at 651-744-7970 (email addresses for all staff are located in the AGAPE Family Handbook). ● Our staff works closely with the Saint Paul School District and professional development. The staff continues to grow as we meet to learn and discuss equity within the school. ● We welcome families to contribute to our mission, goals and work. We will be starting ‘Family Circles’ as intervention strategies for students and as a way for parents to be active in their child’s academic success.
<p>Parent Academy provides the foundation of parents’ information and skills for becoming more involved in our school. Parent Academy is a six-week program for families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Academy will be held in: See Saint Paul Public Schools website, or call AGAPE’s school clerk for more information. 651-744-7970.

Teaching and Learning

<p>Our school shares information about student achievement with families in multiple ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report cards and progress reports will be distributed Mailed to primary address at the end of each quarter (November, January, March and June) ● Parent-Teacher conferences are held Oct, Dec, and March from 3:30 – 6pm. ● Quarterly Honors Award assemblies are held 11:00-12:00 and Senior Recognition Event May 29, 2020 1 – 3 pm. ● Phone calls, letters, emails and in-person meetings with families or guardians.
<p>Our school will engage families in Personalized Learning as a key strategy to accelerate student achievement, as these changes come to our school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Portal information is available in the AGAPE Family Involvement Handbook and by contacting: AGAPE’s clerk 651-744-7970 ● Ipad disbursement happens in September in order to facilitate personalized learning.
<p>Many before- and after-school enrichment and support opportunities are available for students.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Before and After school programs are not available at AGAPE. The guidance counselor is available to help locate programs and the Family Involvement Handbook also has support opportunities listed.

Community Partnerships

<p>Our school develops community partnerships to provide additional support for students and their families.</p>	<p>We have many partnerships. Our top 6 partnerships include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ramsey County Public Health (County-based visiting public health nurse programs) 2. Casa De Esperanza 3. Saint Paul College 4. Hmong American Partnership 5. Episcopal Homes. 6. HealthStart Clinic (available Tuesday and Thursdays during the school year)
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This plan is available as part of our school’s SCIP, or School Comprehensive Improvement Plan at scip.spps.org, is on our school website at school.spps.org, and printed copies are available in the office.

*Dates may be subject to change - please regularly review AGAPE website for most current updates.