

Research tells us that parent engagement in a student's education is one of the most impactful ways to improve a student's academic performance. A partnership between school and families benefits all involved. Hillman Community Schools (HCS) seeks to use a layered approach with a wide array of tools to provide information to our families and facilitate communication. Families can determine what tool or tools suit them best. HCS will offer the following to help families to be engaged in the educational process;

## Hillman Jr. Sr. High School

Direct Communication at open houses, orientations, parent conferences, parent involvement on committees, school visits, school events and by phone.

School Messenger a mass communication system that can be customized by both the sender and the receiver to include any combination of phone calls/Emails/Texts

Website <u>www.hillmanschools.com</u> includes a large amount of information for the user.

Social Media: Facebook updates.

Our new Hillman Community Schools app found in the Google Play Store or App Store.

Skyward: StudentVUE and ParentVUE- allows both parents and students to access information and communicate regarding a student's academics, behavior, and attendance.

Surveys-Google surveys will be used to gather data on important topics from different groups in the district including students, parents, staff and community members.

## **Hillman Elementary School**

Direct Communication: open houses, parent conferences, parent involvement on committees, school visits, school events and by telephone.

School Messenger: mass communication system that can be customized by both the sender and/or the receiver to include any combination of phone calls/Emails/Texts

Website: www.hillmanschools.com includes a large amount of information for every user.

Social Media: Facebook updates.

Hillman Community Schools App: found in the Google Play Store or App Store.

Skyward: ParentVUE- allows parents to access information and communicate regarding a student's academics, behavior, and attendance.

Newsletters: Teachers will provide frequent newsletters that will give classroom updates. A monthly newsletter will also be provided from the principal with school-wide announcements.

Friday Folders: Students will bring home a folder weekly with important information and student work.

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