



**Parker Elementary
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Campus Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2024-2025

In order for students to be successful, parents or guardians must be actively involved in their child's education. We feel parent involvement is an essential piece in ensuring that our students are successful in school. We believe that when parents are more involved in the academic process, school becomes more of a priority for their children. Parker Elementary developed this policy to describe how we involve parents in the development of policy and the School-Parent Compact. This policy was developed with the assistance and approval of the students' parents who are participating in the Title 1 Program.

Policy Involvement: Each year, parents of children who participate in the Title 1 Program are invited to an annual meeting, Open House, and other meetings throughout the year. These events are held on various days and times giving parents a choice of meetings to attend. We may provide child care, as such services relate to parent involvement and home visits. At the meetings, we discuss the Title 1 law, school data, curriculum, adequate yearly progress status, and the rights and benefits to parents of involved children.

Program Involvement: At this meeting, and throughout the school year, we provide timely information about our Title 1 programs, including reading/math tutoring, counseling, extended day, after-school programs, and magnet classes to parents of participating children. We describe the curriculum and explain how student performance is measured. We explain how each individual child and our school as a whole are doing on state tests such as the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and other measures of performance. We hold PTO, Shared Decision-Making and Title 1 meetings to respond to parent needs and concerns. We send out parent surveys to receive input for our Title 1 Program.

School-Parent Compact: The school-Parent Compact was developed jointly with parents of participating Title 1 students. It explains how parents, school staff, and the student will all share responsibility for each student's academic success.

Building Capacity for Involvement: It is Parker Elementary School's role to teach parents how to help their children learn. One way of doing this is by explaining education laws. Parents are given information about the district, state, and national education goals, Title 1 requirements, Texas content, and performance standards such as Texas Essential Knowledge Skills (TEKS), STAAR, TELPAS and NWEA Map.

Parent Training and Involvement: Presentations are designed to help parents learn how their child is doing, how parents can work with educators to help their children, and how to be involved in decision-making about the education of their children. Materials and training are provided to help parents assist their children's needs such as: School-Wide Open House Night, PTO Meetings, PTO Family Nights, Title 1 Parent Meetings, Bilingual Parent Workshops, Performing Arts concerts and workshops, Trunk or Treat, Book Fair Night, Family Night Concert, Field Day, the APEX Run, Literacy/Math Night, Solo and Ensemble Festivals, and Enrichment Club Showcase.

Our school strives to coordinate parental involvement activities among the different programs available on our campus. Parental involvement activities are sponsored by the Title 1 program.

Development of School-Business Partnerships: Parents are encouraged to participate in these activities. Community-based organizations and businesses are given information about working parents. We contact various businesses, churches, and other organizations such as Legacy Community Services, Westbury Baptist Church, Cistern Church, Golden Corral, Los Tíos, Wal-Mart Market, Astros, McDonalds, Pepperoni's, Raising Cane's, Whataburger, Panda Express, The Children's Museum of Houston, Office Depot, YMCA, The Counseling Classroom, HEB and Wang Smiles Orthodontics.

Accessibility: Participation and involvement of all parents is important. Information related to student achievement, school performance, school and parent programs, meetings and other opportunities for participation are sent home in the home language whenever possible.

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with and agreed upon by parents of children participating in Title 1 Programs.

This policy was adopted and revised by Parker Elementary and will be in effect for the 2023-2024 school year.

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