

# **Title I, Part A Parent & Family Engagement Policy Toolkit**

- All Title I, Part A schools receive federal funding to help each child receive a high-quality instruction and to improve student achievement
- A full description of how our Title I funds are being used can be found on our Campus Improvement Plan on our campus website

Some examples of additional support for students:

- Additional teachers and staff to address specific needs
- Campus tutoring and supplies for instructional programs
- Instructional Technology such as Chromebooks and headphones
- Parent & Family Engagement activities to support you at home

## **Parent & Family Engagement**

Parents and families are an important part of the school community as you help your child at home.

McGowen Elementary has a:

- Parent & Family Engagement Policy (PFE) describes how the school will support parents/families in the academic success of your children
- School-Family-Student Compact is an agreement between the school, families, and students as we work together as partners to meet state standards and show academic progress for all students

## **Building Capacity to Get Involved**

All schools in Houston ISD will work to build a partnership with parents and families to improve student academic outcomes

McGowen will:

- Provide assistance to parents in understanding state testing standards and various assessments
- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to at home
- Send all information in an understandable format
- Send information in the preferred language of parents
- Share information for those parents who cannot participate
- Provide different types and times of parent meetings and learning Sessions

## **The Role of Parents in the Decision-Making Process at School**

Parents have the right to be involved in the decisions related to activities, trainings and learning sessions, such as:

- Participating in campus/district committees
- Sharing feedback on surveys
- Meeting with campus administration, teachers and staff
- Becoming a campus volunteer

## **Communication Between School & Parents**

McGowen Elementary understands how communication with parents is essential for student success.

Our school commits to:

- Send timely information about programs and events
- Provide frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
- Schedule meetings with school staff such as teachers and/or administration, upon your request
- Ensure we maintain regular two-way communication between home and school

### **Opportunities To Work Together**

There are various ways parents and families can get involved at our school

- Title I Part A, Annual Parent Meetings
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Attendance Information & Monitoring Student Progress Meetings
- STAAR Testing Information Meeting
- Academic Program Information Meetings
- District Program Information Parent Meetings
- Annual Parent & Family Engagement Evaluation Meeting

Transportation and/or childcare may be provided as needed, if it has been identified in the comprehensive needs assessment and addressed in the campus improvement plan of PFE policy.

### **Ways to Support Student Achievement**

With parents and families as partners, students will be successful in

school by having you:

- Use the Skyward Parent Portal
- Keep in regular contact with your child's teacher
- Praise effort and hard work
- Use failure opportunities to learn and try again
- Have your child teach you what they are learning
- Read with your child every day
- Attend school events and parent meetings