

SOUTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2018 – 2019 District Parent & Family
Engagement Policy
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Southwest Independent School District is dedicated to providing quality education for every student in our district. To accomplish this objective, we will develop partnerships with parents and community members, support a positive relationship between home and school and foster open lines of communication to expand and enhance learning opportunities for all community members.

Grade level learning objectives (skills that students should develop and master) and goals for each grade level will be communicated to all parents at the beginning of the school year. All students will be expected to work toward mastering these objectives throughout the school year. The district will provide opportunities at school and through extended learning opportunities for interventions and acceleration. These interventions or acceleration strategies are available to all students through the Title I program and various other educational services offered throughout the district. Southwest ISD encourages parent engagement in all aspects of school success and this participation is a priority in Title I programs.

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING THE POLICY

Parents, members of the community, and school staff will meet to discuss the design and implementation of the Parent & Family Engagement Policy. Southwest ISD will actively recruit participation through various avenues of communication. Parent participation will strive to include a diverse population of members, to represent all families, during policy and decision making meetings. Meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for stakeholders. District personnel will provide guidance and support to campuses on development of their plan.

MEETINGS FOR TITLE I PARENTS & FAMILIES

Southwest ISD will hold at least two meetings for parents during each school year. In the first meeting at the beginning of the school year, parents will be informed of new Title I guidelines, parent & family engagement opportunities, and district initiatives. Copies of the district's current Parent & Family Engagement Policy will be distributed or posted. Parents will be encouraged to become involved in the revising and updating the policy annually. Volunteers will be recruited for the district-wide and campus advisory committees. In the spring a meeting will be held in a district centered location and open to the public. This meeting will review categorical spending for the district, campus/district ratings, strategic plan updates, assist with campus/district comprehensive needs assessments/program evaluation for parent & family engagement, and a review and adoption of a District Parent & Family Engagement Policy. All meetings will be held at a convenient time and location, with written notices provided to attract as many parents as possible to participate in this process.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

In accordance with Title I regulations, each school must develop a school-parent compact with the parents of students participating in the program. This compact will enable the school and parents to share responsibility for student performance and success. The compact must explain how students, parents, families, and staff will share responsibility for student performance and success. The compact must include activities or strategies on how students, parents, and staff will share responsibility for promoting student achievement. Members of the school's Campus Improvement Team (CIT) will be consulted in the design and implementation of the compact.