

SOUTHWEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
2018 – 2019 District Parent & Family
Engagement Policy
(Revised 08.12.18)

All parents will be given a copy of the compact, detailing the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have in helping students accomplish their goals after the first grading cycle. Student's responsibilities will vary by grade level and campus. Parent's/student's signatures will be highly encouraged after reading the compact with their student.

TYPES OF PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The school will support various parent & family engagement activities as it strives to develop and maintain an effective learning environment for all students. Parents will be encouraged to contribute through volunteer programs at school as well as create a supportive home environment. The community may participate through an variety of activities that promote student success. Campuses will support parents/families in building academic and social emotional knowledge to better support students. Some campuses may train parents or have parents train staff on enhancing engagement. A district parent advisory team will be used to provide feedback to the district for enhancement. Each group will work as a team to develop and maintain parent & family engagement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of their student and campus.

MATCHING PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

The community will be consulted in the design, development and implementation of the Title I program. Parent and student needs will be assessed through surveys and parental feedback, as well as a variety of research-based models, will be used to create a successful parent & family engagement. Workshops and programs will be designed to meet the unique student and parental needs of the community. Parents will be informed of engagement activities through the school offices, personnel, and various media methods. The district welcomes parental suggestions and on-going communication. Parents and community members may direct suggestions to any campus principal, District Counselor Director, or parent liaison.

STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parents will be informed of student's progress and opportunities for extended learning through various avenues of communication throughout the school year and frequently on progress of their child. Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts, and written notices or mail will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication.

All teachers and front office members will receive annual training on the importance of parent & family engagement as well as effective ways to work with parents and community members.

EVALUATION

Parents will be questioned about the effectiveness of the program and offer suggestions for program improvement. The evaluation procedure will include assessment of the Parent & Family Engagement Policy as well as recommendations for improvement in academic and parent engagement programs.