

# District Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2018-19

## Statement of Purpose

We are dedicated to building relationships and valuing contributions made by families, community members and educators which will guide students toward academic and social emotional success.

Our work provides easily accessible family engagement opportunities for all families.

## Jointly Developed

On May 15, 2018, parents and district personnel provided suggestions and ideas during our yearly meeting to improve this District Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the 2018- 2019 school year. This family engagement policy has been developed for children participating in Title I, Part A programs. In 2019-20 in addition to campus Parent Liaisons informing parents about this meeting, the Family Engagement Department will post an announcement on the district website.

This policy is located on EPISD district and school web sites, and distributed during the annual Title I school meetings early this school year.

## Coordination of Programs & Family Engagement Opportunities

EPISD will coordinate and support Title 1 schools in planning and implementing effective family engagement activities for parents and families by offering:

- A variety of committees, focus groups and parent trainings
- Flexible number of parent and family activities (see campus for dates/times)
- Materials for parent trainings
- Parent trainings regarding child's academic and social emotional learning.
- Provide parents opportunities to develop leadership skills through parent academies at campuses throughout the district
- Opportunities for parents to serve on the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy Evaluation Committee



## Strengthening Our Schools with Parent School Compact, Annual Meetings for Title 1 Parents & Campus

The district Family Engagement Coordinators will provide assistance and support to all Title I schools to ensure family engagement requirements are being satisfied. Title I schools will receive notifications and resources from the district to improve and strengthen family engagement through frequent communication, school visits, monthly meetings and trainings. All Title 1 Schools will create a School and Parent Compact, provide the Annual Title 1 Meeting, and involve parents in campus decisions through the Campus Improvement Team Meetings and Coffee With The Principal Meetings (note: name of meetings with the principal might differ per campus. Contact your child's school for more information.)

## Mark Your Calendars

### For Parents

District Annual Parent Survey

March 1-April 5 2019

District Parent & Family

Engagement Policy

Review Meeting

February, 2019–

Central Office site

### For Schools

Meetings With Your

Principal

Check with your child's school for dates/times

Campus Improvement Team Meetings

Aug 2018- May,2019–Local school site

Check with your child's school for dates/time

## Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation

Each year, EPISD conducts an evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent and family engagement policy and the family engagement activities to improve the academic quality of the Title I schools through an annual parent surveys, campus evaluations, and focus groups.

Beginning on March 1, 2019, each Title I school will send home a survey and email a link to the survey for parents to provide valuable feedback regarding the parent and family engagement activities and programs. These surveys will also be posted on the district and school websites for parents to complete. EPISD will use the findings to design strategies to improve effective family engagement, to remove possible barriers to parent participation and to revise its parent and family engagement policies.

## Communication

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements established by Section 1116 of the ESSA, EPISD's Family Engagement Coordinators will communicate and collaborate with campuses to ensure opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

EPISD's Family Engagement Coordinators will provide training to faculty, staff and parents on the value of family engagement. Meetings to understand topics such as state academic standards and assessments, requirements of Title 1, and child progress monitoring will be presented to parents through it's Title 1 Schools.

Information to parents will be sent out through a variety of methods to include web sites, newsletters, flyers, brochures and phone calls.

The school district will distribute this policy as well as Parent School Compacts, Campus Family Engagement Policies and Annual Title 1 Meetings in multiple ways to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before fall semester of the 2018-19 School year.



*This District Parent and Family Engagement Policy was incorporated into the DIP which was submitted to the state. This policy was adopted by the EPISD on May 15, 2018 and will be in effect for the 2018- 2019 academic school year.*