

2023-2024 Wylie Elementary School Parent & Family Engagement Policy

Wylie Elementary is committed to the education of the children in our community. We feel parental 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. It is our mission to produce a community of life-long learners, and it is our goal to maintain a good line of communication from school to homes and provide ample opportunities for parental involvement throughout each school year.

Title I regulations require that each school served under Title I jointly develop with and distribute to parents of participating children, a written parental involvement policy agreed on by the parents that describes the requirements outlined in Title I law.

A. POLICY INVOLVEMENT

- 1. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;**

Our school holds an official Parent Involvement Policy meeting by the end of September each school year to review with parents the Title I school requirements and the school's Parent Involvement Policy. In addition, the principal gives parents an update on school test data and facilitates a review of the school's improvement plan.

- 2. Offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement;**

Parents are invited to participate in a variety of meetings and activities over the course of the school year. These activities include but are not limited to Title I Parent Meeting, parent conferences, Site Based Decision Making Committee, Parent & Family Engagement Committee meeting,

Meet the Teacher, Family Activity Nights, Special Classroom Events, Coffee with the Counselor, and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) involvement opportunities. Formal trainings and workshops scheduled throughout the year are guided by parent input and survey data and vary in date and time. If needed, childcare is offered on site for these events. In cases where transportation is a barrier for a parent to become involved in our school, the Administrative Team and the Counselors will make special arrangements to link that parent to needed resources and events.

Due to the hectic and varying schedules of our school family, effort will be made to provide training opportunities to parents via links on our school website making information accessible.

Parents will be invited to participate in a parent/teacher conference at least twice a year to discuss their child's progress. Teachers may receive parents in the morning, during the day, and/or after school to accommodate as many reciprocating parents as possible.

3. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy;

Our school annually invites parents to participate in review and revision meetings to examine and discuss our School Improvement Plan and Parent and Family Engagement Policy. An organized PTO has been established in our school to create a forum for parental input and involvement.

- 4. Provide parents of participating children timely information about programs under this part; descriptions and explanations of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any suggestions as soon as practically possible.**

Our school communicates with parents concerning the curriculum and assessment expectations along with schoolwide requirements in relation to the delivery of instruction, the techniques utilized to evaluate student work, and individual classroom rituals and routines pertinent to the academic success of our students. We use a variety of communication methods such as School Handbook, Campus Facebook, Campus Newsletter, Campus Website, Apptegy/Thrillshare, student take-home folders, Remind, etc. to solicit parent participation and deliver important information in hopes of creating productive dialogue between home and school concerning improved student achievement.

B. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

The education of a student is not only the responsibility of the teacher, but also of the parent and the child. For this reason, a Parent-Teacher-Student Compact has been developed and is utilized in our school. This document serves as an agreement between all parties that they will adhere to certain duties and responsibilities to ensure the success of the student. It is reviewed and signed by all at the beginning of each school year. The signed compacts are kept by the teacher and used in student and parent conferences to remind each participant of their

responsibilities. These compacts are also used to motivate students and parents to become more involved in the educational process and to let parents know they are equal partners in their child's learning.

C. BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school and local educational agency assisted under this part.

- 1. Shall provide assistance to the parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic content standards and state student academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.**

Our school will provide for this provision as stated in the Policy Involvement and Shared Responsibilities for High Student Achievement sections of this document.

- 2. Shall provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy, training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.**

Our school will provide for this provision as stated in the Policy Involvement and Shared Responsibilities for High Student Achievement sections of this document.

- 3. Shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school;**

Faculty and staff members will be cognizant of educational research on parent involvement. Parental input will be solicited throughout the year in meetings, through surveys, and during parent/teacher conferences. Information derived will be utilized by the schools Administrative Team and Parent and Family Engagement Team to strengthen the tie between school and home for the purpose of increasing student achievement. The Counselors, along with the school's Parent and Family Engagement Committee, will take the lead in providing a multitude of opportunities for parents to become involved in our school over the course of the year to take full advantage of the benefits that come with active parental involvement.

- 4. Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with community based early learning programs and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children;**

Our school population includes 11 first grade classes, 11 second grade classes, 12 third grade classes, and 2 Life Skills Classes. Our counselors will take the lead in bridging a strong relationship between home and school. In addition, field trips and Special Classroom Events are plentiful throughout the year and parents are encouraged to attend these events as often as possible. The Counselors, along with the school's Parent and Family Engagement Committee, will take the lead in providing a multitude of opportunities for parents to become involved in our school over the course of the year to take full advantage of the benefits that come with active parental involvement.

- 5. Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to extent practicable, in a language parents can understand.**

Wylie Elementary has made it a priority to send home school correspondences in English and Spanish to ensure all information related to our school is understandable. A campus translator assists with oral communication when necessary.

D. In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.

Parents of all students, regardless of English proficiency, mobility or disability, are considered to be an important part of our learning community. All parents are afforded the opportunity to be involved in their child's school environment. For this reason, if a special need is identified that would help a parent to more fully understand the educational process and academic progress of his or her child, assistance will be provided to that parent.