

DALHART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DALHART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY



**Statement of Purpose**

Dalhart Elementary School is committed to providing quality education for every child in the school. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and the community. DES will offer a flexible number of meetings, at a convenient time, and all parents will be invited and encouraged to attend. DES has several educational services that offer extra assistance for students. These programs will be coordinated and integrated with other Federal, State and local programs.

**Parental Involvement in Developing Policy**

DES will provide the following coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- Hold CPOC meetings to gather input and develop plans, policies and strategies.
- Provide training to all staff on
  - the value and utility of parents
  - how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners,
  - how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between the parents and the school.

DES will take the following actions to involve parents in development of the Campus Improvement Plan and the Parent Involvement policy:

- Establish an expectation of parent involvement at the campus level.
- Actively recruit parents, with close attention to Title I parents, to serve on advisory committees (CPOC).
- Schedule meetings at flexible times.
- Encourage participation in a review of parent involvement activities.
- Annually solicit feedback through surveys and face to face meetings.
- Distribute the policy through website ([www.dalhartisd.org](http://www.dalhartisd.org)) , district office and campus offices.
- Provide translation and interpreters.
- Communicate process to submit comments if the Campus Improvement plan is not satisfactory to parents during Title I Part A meeting or parent meeting

**Annual Meeting for Title-I Parents**

DES will hold an annual meeting to review Title I guidelines, opportunities for parent involvement and Title I services offered. Copies of the Campus Parent Involvement Policy and the Campus School-Parent Compact will be available at the meetings. The annual meeting will be held at a convenient time and notice of the meeting will be provided through notes home and websites ([www.dalhartisd.org](http://www.dalhartisd.org)). Translation and interpreters will be available.

### **Building Capacity for Parent Involvement and Matching Programs to Community Needs**

DES will provide parents opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school in the following ways:

- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement, such as literacy and technology. Resources are available on the campus website [www.dalhartisd.org](http://www.dalhartisd.org)
- Provide an organized, ongoing and timely way for parents to be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of programs, including joint development of the Parent Engagement policy and the Campus Improvement Plan. (committee membership and meetings, feedback to campus, PFE survey)
- Provide timely information about school programs and parent involvement activities.
- Provide assistance (parent meetings and parent conferences) to parents in understanding:
  - state and local academic content standards
  - state and local academic assessments
  - state achievement standards
  - requirements of Title I
  - how to monitor their child's progress
  - how to work with educators to improve student achievement
  - how to schedule teacher conferences and/or participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.
  - other topics suggested by parents

DES will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I with other programs such as: Bilingual/ESL, Special Education, Headstart, Pre-K, Gifted and Talented, Migrant, and Career and Technology.

### **Staff/Parent Communications**

DES will educate its staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs that strengthen the relationship between home and school.

DES will take the following actions to ensure information is communicated to parents in an understandable format and in a language the parents can understand:

- Google translate is available on the website [www.dalhartisd.org](http://www.dalhartisd.org)
- Translators and interpreters available at each campus
- Notes home in Spanish

### **Evaluation**

DES will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent Involvement Policy in improving the academic quality of DES. Findings from the evaluation will be used to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, the campus parent involvement policy.

This evaluation will include:

- Identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background.
- Identifying needs of parents/families to assist with the learning of their children
- Identifying strategies to support successful school and family interactions.