

Parent and Family Engagement Policy
Wilson Elementary
Pampa, Texas

Statement of Purpose

Wilson Elementary is committed to the goal of providing quality education for each child. We want to establish partnerships with parents, family members, and with the community. Everyone gains if the school and the home work together to promote high achievement for our children. Parents and families play a critical role as the children's first teacher and their support is important to their children's success.

The expectation is that all children work toward grade level goals of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. These are available for parents and families to examine in the school office. Some students may need extra assistance which is available through the Title 1 program and other district programs. The Every Student Succeeds Act requires that parents and families who receive Title 1 services must be involved in the decisions regarding how these funds are allotted for parent and family involvement activities.

Parent and Family Involvement in Developing the Policy

Parents and family members will have an opportunity to help develop the policy.

Meetings for Title 1 Parents and Families

Annually Wilson Elementary will convene a meeting to inform parents and families of their school's participation in the Title 1 program, the requirements, and the parents' and families right to be involved.

These meetings will be held at convenient and flexible times for families. Information about the school's performance, students' individual assessments, the school curriculum, and other important information will be provided. Information about parent and family opportunities, such as parent and family meetings, GED and ESL classes will also be presented. All parents and families will be offered the opportunity to be involved in the annual evaluation of the Parent and Family Engagement policy. Translation will be available. Parents and families will be sent written notices and use of other media will be used so that as many parents and families as possible will attend.

Wilson Elementary Title 1 Family Compact

A school/family compact will be developed jointly by the advisory committee. The compact describes the responsibilities of the students, the parents, families and the teachers. This compact is designed to increase the sharing of the responsibility between families and the school for the high performance of the students.

Matching Programs to the Needs of our Community

Wilson Elementary will assess the needs of the parents, families, and children of this school through a variety of measures – including surveys questionnaires, and parent/family interviews – so that the Title 1 program will meet the needs of the school. Parents and family members may call Wilson Elementary at 669-4930 to make suggestions.

Staff/Family Communications

Wilson Elementary will have Parent/Family Teacher conferences annually to provide an avenue of communication for teachers, parents and families. Parents will also receive Thursday folders which is an avenue of distribution of information for a variety of activities. Each fall, the student handbook will be distributed. This contains information specific to Wilson Elementary and the school district. Weekly emails, website, Facebook, Twitter and phone calls/texts when needed; will enable parents and families to stay informed as well. Notices will be sent home in English and Spanish.

Evaluation

Parents, family members and staff will review and evaluate all aspects of the parent and family engagement program. Parents and family members will be surveyed about the effectiveness of the program and offer suggestions for improvement. The evaluation procedure will include assessment of successes in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy as well as recommendations for improvement in emergent areas.