

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

William B. Travis Elementary

Pampa, Texas

Statement of Purpose

Travis Elementary is committed to the goal of providing quality education for each child. We want to establish partnerships with parents, families and community members so that we can work together to accomplish this goal. Students benefit greatly when the school and home can work together to promote high achievement for our children. Parents and family members play such a critical role in student success, so their support is of extreme importance.

We expect that all children work toward grade level goals outlined by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. They can be found online at <http://tea.texas.gov/index2.aspx?id=6148>

Some students may need extra assistance, which is available through the Title 1 program, as well as 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

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

Title 1 Meetings

Annually Travis Elementary will convene to inform parents and family members 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 family members 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 family members will be sent written notices, emails/texts to advise them of the meeting as well as advertisement through social media.

Travis 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/family members and the teachers. This compact is designed to increase the sharing of the responsibility between families and the school for the high performance of students.

Matching Programs to the Needs of our Community

Travis Elementary will assess the needs of the students of this school, their parents and families through a variety of measures. These include surveys, questionnaires, and parent/family interviews. This will allow the Title 1 program to meet the needs of the school. Parents and families may call Travis Elementary at 669-4950 to make suggestions.

Staff /Family Communications

Travis Elementary will have conferences annually to provide an avenue of communication between teachers, parents and family members. Travis will inform parents and families through Facebook, Twitter, Travis website and Remind Text. Weekly emails are also sent to parents and family members that have signed up for the Pampa ISD Travis "Go Green" Newsletter. In the fall, the student handbook is distributed/posted online. This contains information specific to Travis Elementary and Pampa ISD. 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 families will be surveyed about the effectiveness of the program and may offer suggestions for improvement. The evaluation procedure will include an assessment of successes in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy as well as recommendations for improvement in emergent areas. *Revision Draft 05/17/2017*