



## **2017-2018 Arlington ISD Title I Parent Engagement District Policy**

### **Parent and Family Engagement:**

Parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, by ensuring:

- A. that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- B. that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- C. that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

The term "parent" refers to any adult acting in a parental capacity.

### **General Expectations:**

- The school district will ensure that programs, activities and procedures are in place for the engagement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs.
- The school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental engagement policies meet the requirements of ESSA including school-parent compacts.
- The school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. This includes providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I Part A, schools in decisions about how funding for family engagement activities will be utilized.
- The school district will ensure that Title I campuses are family friendly and will work with parents as partners in the education of children.



***In order to comply with the guidelines of Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA), Arlington ISD has implemented the following procedures and activities to ensure effective parent and family engagement.***

**The Arlington ISD will:**

1. Provide support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parental engagement activities including:
  - a. Having a district-level Family Engagement Specialist to coordinate and support the Parent Engagement program at each Title I campus
  - b. Having a Family Engagement Liaison at each Title I Campus to plan and implement Family Engagement events
  - c. Having a Family Engagement Team (made up of teachers, administrators, parents and the Family Engagement Liaison) as a sub-committee of each campus's Site-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Committee to review and make recommendations regarding campus-level family engagement activities
2. Ensure that teachers communicate regularly with parents about their child's progress by:
  - a. Providing parent-teacher conferences
    - i. Annually at elementary level
    - ii. s needed at the secondary level
  - b. Sending frequent student progress reports to parents
  - c. Making phone calls
  - d. Providing class newsletters, etc.
3. Provide professional development for Title I teachers and staff in how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners
4. Ensure that each Title I Campus provides appropriate parent notification in these areas:
  - a. Parents have the right to request Highly Qualified and certification information for their child's teacher
  - b. Notice that their child is being taught by a non-Highly Qualified teacher for four consecutive weeks or longer
  - c. Identifying their child's participation in intervention programs (tutoring, etc.)
5. The school district will ensure that each of its Title I campuses conducts an Annual Title I Meeting to explain the ESSA requirements and the campus' implemented program and how this program will benefit the students at that campus.



6. Monitor information (attendance demographics, meeting types, meeting times, etc.) on Parent and Family Engagement events at each campus to help ensure that barriers to effective family engagement are eliminated
7. Reduce barriers for parents to participate in Parents and Family Engagement events by:
  - a. Providing school meetings at a variety of days and times
  - b. Providing babysitting at Family Engagement events, as needed
  - c. Providing transportation, as needed
8. Advertise the parent and family engagement events in a timely manner, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand by using multiple formats to advertise each meeting (for example: meeting flyers, Telephone (reminders and use of auto-phone systems), School marquee, Website & e-mail)
9. The Arlington ISD will provide opportunities for parents to increase their own understanding of:

**a. Academic standards:**

*Academic Activities may include, but are not limited to:*

- Grade level orientation meetings (curriculum, grading system, academic expectations, etc.)
- Family Reading, Math or Science Nights
- STAAR, End-Of-Course Exams, and Curriculum Assessment informational meetings to explain what the tests do, how to interpret scores, what is the passing criterion, etc.

**b. Parenting:**

*Parenting Activities may include, but are not limited to:*

- Improving communication with your child
- Setting Rules and Structure at Home
- Building Self-Esteem
- Awareness of Bullying
- Living with Teenagers
- Keeping Your Child Safe



*Parent and child activities may include, but are not limited to:*

- Fall Festival
- International Celebration
- Family Fitness Night
- Neighborhood Math

10. Involve parents in the process of school review and improvement by:

- a. Providing a Campus Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) Report Card
- b. Providing communication to explain the TAPR
- c. Involving parents of participating children in the Site-based Decision Making Committee (SBDM), Campus Family Engagement Team, as well as the District Improvement and Decision-Making Committee (DIDC)

11. Establish an annual Title I Parent Advisory Board to:

- a. Review and update the Parent and Family Engagement Policy (as needed)
- b. Review the results of the annual Family Engagement Survey
- c. Review district and campus Family Engagement event documentation to identify and eliminate barriers to effective family engagement
- d. Gather information from parents on how to improve the Parent Engagement Activities

12. Conduct an annual evaluation of the family engagement program

- a. Survey will be sent home to all Title I students during the spring semester each year
- b. Surveys will be printed in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Other languages will be determined each year based upon the need for languages spoken by Arlington ISD families

13. Provide a Family Literacy program for parents who wish to further their own language skills or work toward their GED

14. Establish and maintain a Parent and Family Engagement website to advertise upcoming meetings and to coordinate with parents from other programs



## **Resources**

### **AISD Website**

[www.aisd.net](http://www.aisd.net)

### **AISD Parent and Community Engagement Department**

1141 W. Pioneer Pkwy  
Arlington, TX 76013  
682-867-7385

### **AISD State and Federal Programs Department**

4800 W. Arkansas Lane  
Arlington, TX 76016  
682-867-7317

### **AISD Family Literacy Programs**

2315 Stonegate Street  
Arlington, TX 76060  
682-867-7267

*Each Title I campus has its own Parent and Family Engagement Policy. This document may be requested from the office or the Family Engagement Liaison at your child's Title I campus*

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