

PARENT-SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT POLICY

TITLE 1-ALTUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2020-2021

Altus Elementary School (AES) is committed to fulfilling the requirement of the Title 1 Engagement Section of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Each year a Parent Engagement Policy will be developed and expanded upon to fit the needs of our students. This policy will be a collaborative effort between staff members and parents. The policy will be made available through teacher/parent communication apps, school website, and as part of our AES Student Handbook.

AES hosts a Title 1 Parent night each year to inform parents of the school's participation in the Title 1 program. Teachers are introduced to the parents and the purpose of the program is explained to them. They are also informed of their right to be involved in the education of their student. (*Covid prevented this from happening this year so a video was made and shared with parents.)

AES is committed to encourage and support engagement with parents in the school and will work to increase the collaboration in the following areas. (*COVID may change the way these things are carried out but we will still offer all areas.)

- Vary the times of parent meetings, conferences, and events so more parents may attend. (During COVID there will be Virtual Meetings)
- Seek parent engagement in developing the School-Wide Program Plan.
- Provide parents with information regarding the plan in a timely manner.
- Provide parents with information and resources about curriculum, benchmark testing, Oklahoma Academic Standards (OAS), and materials to explain where each child should be academically.
- Provide a weekly newsletter from the teacher to give curriculum information, special activities, and important information.
- Parents will be contacted weekly or more by the classroom teacher through phone call, text, communication app, email, or mail when necessary.
- When requested, AES teachers and administrators will hold meetings with parents to allow them to be involved in the decisions regarding their child's education.
- AES provides a school-parent compact written jointly by parents and staff which outlines a shared responsibility for improving student learning.
- Parents will be provided materials and training to assist them in helping their children with their schoolwork.

