

Tuloso-Midway Primary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2021-2022

Statement of Purpose

A strong partnership between the school and home is essential if a quality educational program is to be provided to all students. Tuloso-Midway Primary School is dedicated to the philosophy that parent involvement is integral to the success of each student. For this reason, parents are actively recruited as our partners for success. The parent and family engagement policy is reviewed and amended during the annual SBDM Title I evaluation and planning meeting. The policy will be distributed at the beginning of each school year.

The curricula for our grade level objectives are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). *All* students will be expected to work toward mastering these skills and objectives. Our campus recognizes the fact that some students will need extra assistance to achieve their full potential. The extra assistance is available to all students through RTI and other educational services offered by the campus.

Tuloso-Midway Primary intends to include parents in all aspects of the Title I program. Students will be given every opportunity for success through the development and enhancement of the home-school partnership.

General Expectations

The purpose of Title I, Part A is to improve the basic programs at the campus level and to provide opportunities for children to acquire the knowledge and skills contained in the state content standards (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills-TEKS). Campuses receiving Title I, Part A, funds must implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in the Title I program. Parental Engagement is one of the ten components of a school wide Title I Program. Therefore, Tuloso-Midway Primary School agrees to:

- Follow a written policy regarding parental involvement;
- Involve parents and community members in the design, operation and evaluation of Title I practices;
- Consult with the stakeholders about home/school activities;
- Train parents in order to enable them to help their children;
- Present all communications in the language spoken by the majority of the Title I parents; and to
- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

Parent Involvement in Developing Policy

Tuloso-Midway Primary School's Site-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Committee is composed of parents, community members, administrators, teachers, and other staff members. This committee will meet annually to discuss the design and implementation of the Parent and Family Engagement Involvement Policy.

Tuloso-Midway Primary School will actively recruit volunteers for the SBDM Committee through various avenues of publicity. Committee selections will produce a diverse group of stakeholders that represent an array of student populations served by the district.

Meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for all concerned parties. If a translator is needed, the campus will arrange for one to be present.

Parent Involvement Activities to Improve Student Academic Achievement and School Performance

One of the primary functions of the SBDM will be to identify ways that Tuloso-Midway Primary can plan and implement effective parent involvement programs. The campus will also promote and encourage staff development for employees on establishing effective relationships with parents as a means to increase academic achievement.

Building School and Parent Capacity for Strong Parent Involvement

Tuloso-Midway Primary will involve the SBDM in identifying barriers to parent involvement and to provide parent involvement strategies. The campus will support a variety of parental involvement strategies as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students.

To the extent practicable, parents of ELL, disabled, and Migratory students will be given full opportunities to participate in parent involvement activities.

Information and materials will be provided, to the extent practicable, in a format and language that parents understand.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Parents will be invited and encouraged to attend the annual meeting to review Title I guidelines and services, offered through the campus. Copies of the campus' current Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the Tuloso-Midway Primary Home-School Compact will be distributed at the meeting. Parents will be encouraged to attend and become involved in

revising and updating the policy as necessary, and parent volunteers will be recruited for the district and campus SBDMs.

The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend. Participation will be monitored and optional meeting times will be selected with intent to align with parent needs and increase participation. In addition, a translator will be available to help with non-English speaking parents, if needed.

Ongoing Engagement

All parents and families will be provided with the opportunity to attend meetings throughout the school year designed to support learning through parent and family activities. Meetings will be held at flexible and convenient times to maximize parent and family participation. The Parent and Family Engagement Activities are educational in nature and facilitate activities designed for parents to work with their children and often include the materials or tools to do so (past events include literacy nights, make it/take it workshops, educational games, etc.).

Home-School Compact

In accordance with Title I regulations, the campus will develop and annually update a home-school compact. This compact will explain how students, parents and staff will share responsibility for student performance and success, and will enable them to do so. Members of the campus' SBDM Committee will be consulted in the design and implementation of the compact. All parents will be given a copy of the compact detailing the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have in helping students accomplish their goals. Students and parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact. They are also encouraged to sign that they are in agreement with the compact and return them to the school; however, parents and/or students are not required to return the compacts to school.

School/Parent Communication

Annual parent/teacher conferences will be held in the first semester of each school year and will include the review of parent/school/student compact. In addition, parents will be informed of ongoing school activities through various avenues of communication throughout the school year. Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts, and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication. The use of available technologies will be utilized as well. These include the parent portal to Gradebook, and

phone and email notifications through the Phone Messenger, Remind and website. Staff development will include strategies to promote effective parent involvement activities. Activities will educate all staff members in the value of parent involvement.

Cross-Program Coordination of Parent Involvement Activities

The SBDM Committee will annually review and evaluate all aspects of the parent involvement program. Parent surveys including questions about the effectiveness of the program will be distributed and the results analyzed. Teacher surveys and teacher contact logs will be used to determine the number and kind of interaction between schools and parents. The SBDM Committee will revise the campus Parent Involvement Policy and Home-School Compact based on the results of this annual review.

Involving Parents in Activities at Tuloso-Midway Primary

Tuloso-Midway Primary will provide school wide services to all students. Parents will be involved in a variety of strategies as the campus strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs, as well as by creating a supportive home atmosphere. The community may participate through an array of activities that promote student success. The campus and its parents will develop and maintain specific parent involvement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of all stakeholders.

Prekindergarten

At the beginning of the year, we will have a parent meeting for all Pre-Kindergarten parents. We will discuss our full day Pre-K program, its components, and requirements for a highly qualified program. Throughout the year, parents will be invited to attend regular meetings with their child's teacher.

Evaluation

Each campus will conduct an annual review of their campus Title 1 program, including the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The review will focus on increasing the academic quality of the school through parental and family engagement.

*This policy, with recommended changes, was reviewed by the Campus SBDM Committee on August 9, 2021 and will be in effect for the period of the **2021-2022 school year**. This policy will be distributed to all Tuloso-Midway Primary parents.*