



**BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
TITLE I-A FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY
2021 - 2022
PORTER EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**



I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Porter ECHS is committed to providing quality education to every student in the district. Partnerships with parents and the community are essential to this goal as neither home nor school can achieve this goal independently. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high student achievement. Parents play an important role as children's first teacher and their support is critical to their children's success. Porter ECHS intends to include parents in all aspects of the district's Title I-A programs to create a school-home partnership that will promote student success.

Grade level goals for all children in Porter ECHS will be distributed to parents with the expectation that *all* students will work toward these goals. Porter ECHS recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance of Title I-A programs to reach these goals and is committed to providing that support.

- **After School Tutorial**
- **Saturday Academy Program**
- **Dropout Prevention Program**
- **VITA Program**
- **STARS Program**
- **LUCHA Program**
- **Communities in Schools**
- **Migrant Lab**
- **Testing and EOC Preparation**
- **Preparation for College**

II. PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING AND REVISING THE POLICY

Porter ECHS Parent Advisory Committee consisting of campus parents, teachers, principals and community members developed the campus Family Engagement Policy. Porter ECHS will annually form an Advisory Committee to review the Family Engagement Policy and to revise it as necessary. Special attention will be given to recruiting parent volunteers of children served in the Title I-A programs, with a goal of having at least two parents of each campus on the committee. The Title I-A Family Engagement Policy will be posted on the campus website.

- **August 2021 – April 2022 (Distribution)**
- **October 2021 – April 2022 (DPAC Reviews)**

III. ANNUAL TITLE I-A CAMPUS PARENT MEETINGS

Porter ECHS will hold an annual Title I meeting for parents. These meetings will be held during the fall semester. The purpose of this meeting is to provide parents with information regarding Title I-A guidelines and services offered utilizing Title I-A funds as stated in the current Family Engagement Policy. The Family Engagement Policy will also be distributed to parents. Parents will be given the opportunity to offer their suggestions for any revisions to the policy. Parents may also volunteer to serve on either the district-wide or individual school's advisory committee or both.

The annual Title I-A meeting will be held at flexible times to increase the opportunity for parental participation. English and Spanish translation will be available. Written notices in both languages will be sent to parents notifying them of the date and times of the meetings.

Parent volunteers, parent trainers, and parent liaisons will also contact other parents by phone regarding the meetings. Volunteers who speak both English and Spanish will make all contacts.

- **September 2021 – April 2022**

IV. SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT

According to Title I-A regulations, Porter ECHS must share responsibility with parents for high student achievement by jointly developing a School-Parent-Student Compact. These compacts must outline the responsibilities of parents, staff, and students for promoting high student performance. Parents on Porter ECHS Advisory Committee must be involved in designing the compacts. Students' responsibilities may vary by grade level.

All parents will receive the compact from their child's school with a checklist of the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have for helping students achieve their goals.

Parents are urged to discuss the compact with their children before they and their children sign the document. The School-Parent-Student Compact will be posted on the campus website.

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V. TYPES OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Porter ECHS will provide opportunities for parent engagement to become involved in their children's education. Porter ECHS values both the at-home contributions of parents and those that take place at the school or in the community. Reading to children at home and talking with them at family meals are as important as volunteering at school and serving on advisory committees. Many types of family engagement are needed in school-home-community partnership to help all children succeed. In alignment with BISD's philosophy and mission, each Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) must include a family engagement component. All parent and community volunteers must comply with the district policy regarding State of Texas background checks.

- **Virtual Weekly Parent Meetings**
- **Virtual Computer Classes**
- **Virtual ESL Classes**
- **Virtual Parenting Skills**
- **Virtual Health and Nutrition Classes**
- **Home Access Center (HAC) Virtual Registration and Training**
- **Virtual Graduation Requirements Training**
- **Virtual College Awareness**
- **Virtual Community Agencies Presentations**
- **Virtual Academic Content Areas Presentations**

VI. ADAPT PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each year Porter ECHS will assess the needs of parents and children in the community through a variety of measures, including parent surveys, so that Title I programs can be tailored to meet those needs. Workshops and other programs will be available to address the expressed needs. Parents will be notified of these opportunities by the individual schools.

Parents may also call the Parent and Family Engagement Department or the school office to express an interest in a particular workshop topic or to make recommendations about the program.

- **September 2021 – April 2022**

VII. STAFF-PARENT COMMUNICATION

Porter ECHS informs parents of monthly activities and current issues through various means of communication. Communication with parents should also include a school newsletter distributed by the school at least four times a year. Notices sent home should be in both English and Spanish. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative in calling their child's teacher or campus administrator when they have a concern. Staff should receive training on techniques to improve home-school communication. Parents may participate in this training.

- **School Messenger**
- **Monthly Calendar**
- **Phone Calls**
- **Marquee Announcements**
- **Flyer (school website and or digital)**
- **E-mail**
- **Home Visits**
- **Virtual Parent Teacher Conference**
- **Virtual Staff Development – August 2021 – April 2022**

VIII. EVALUATION

The district-wide Title I-A Parent Advisory Committee, which includes parents of Title I, Migrant, Bilingual, Special Needs and GT students, will participate in the process of school review and improvement. This committee will collect information in a variety of ways, including campus visits and class observations.

Parents will also be asked for their input on the content and effectiveness of the Title I-A Family Engagement programs through an annual evaluation of the program. The evaluation will include an assessment of overall increases in family engagement and barriers to parental participation that still need to be overcome. Porter ECHS will revise its Family Engagement Policy on the basis of this annual review.

- **February – April 2022 – Campus Needs Assessment**
- **February – April 2022 – Title I –A Family Engagement Survey**





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SCHOOL	PARENT	STUDENT
<p>In recognition that it is the school's responsibility to provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment, PORTER ECHS agrees to:</p>	<p>In recognition that it is the responsibility of parents to support their children's learning, the parents of students attending PORTER ECHS agree to:</p>	<p>In recognition that the students have the ultimate responsibility (privilege) of learning, the student agrees to:</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.-Modify/enhance its instructional content to ensure that all students have an opportunity to meet the State's Student Performance Standards. 2.-Give orientation to faculty and staff on the latest instructional strategies and methodologies which research has shown to be effective. 3.-Identify and purchase high-quality, high-interest supplementary materials particularly in the areas of cultural and gender equity. 4.-Offer staff development on how to establish a positive learning environment in the school 5. - Provide opportunities and encourage parents to volunteer and become active participants in their children's education. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.-Maximize their children's attendance rate and ensure they are on time every day. 2.-Ensure that their children devote sufficient time to complete and submit their homework on time. 3.-Encourage their children to read at home as much as possible in order to foster a love for reading. 4. – Read and respect the Student/Parent Code of Conduct Handbook. 5. – Virtual participation in the parent and family engagement activities. 6. – Encourage other parents to participate in their children's education. 7.- Learn the regulations and be aware of school safety 8. – Virtual participation in the parent/teacher conferences, be informed of graduation requirements, monitor academic progress, homework, discipline and attendance through the Home Access Center (HAC). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.-Be responsible by completing assignments and turning them on time. 2.-Take pride in their school, individual work and personal appearance. 3. – Pay attention in class. 4. – Encourage other students who need help. 5. – Dedicate at least an hour extra per day to "reading for pleasure" and practice writing. 6.-Attend school and class every day and come on time. 7. - Be responsible for their learning and behavior. 8.-Use any electronic device properly at all times. 9. - Display respect for you, the school staff, and others at all times. <p align="right"><i>M. Solis</i></p>

Teacher Signature / Date

Parent Signature / Date

Student Signature / Date