



**Weslaco Independent School District**  
**Title 1 Part A, Parent and Family Engagement District Policy**  
**2021-2022**

**Parent and Family Engagement Vision Statement**

The vision of the parent and family engagement program is to ensure that all students have equal access to a quality education in a safe environment that enables them to strive to their fullest potential. In addition, WISD is committed to collaborate with the community to meet the needs of students and families. We seek to provide quality services that impact and inspire all parents to become better supporters, decision makers, and advocates for their children.

**Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement**

The mission of the parent and family engagement program is to synergize with parents, school personnel and community members to actively engage in school planning and to foster exceptional community service, open-communication, and positive collaboration for student success.

**Statement of Purpose:**

Weslaco ISD is committed to working together with all parents, families, students, the community and other stakeholders to provide high quality, engaging, and innovative programs along the continuum of learning environments. strengthen academic achievement and success. These partnerships will create a positive impact on student achievement. Therefore, Weslaco ISD is committed to the following:

- Include the participation of parents in a regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and at home.
- 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 children.
- Weslaco ISD will collaborate with parents and families in the development of the District Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan.
  - Weslaco ISD jointly approves the District Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan at the District Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings.
- Weslaco ISD will involve parents of children served under Title 1, Part A in decisions about how Title 1, Part A funds are spent (campus Title 1, Part A meetings).
  - Title 1, Part A campus meetings are scheduled at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved.
- Weslaco ISD will jointly develop/revise with parents the district parent and family engagement policy and distribute it to parents of participating students and make it available to the community.
- Weslaco ISD will jointly conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the district parent and family engagement policy.

- Weslaco ISD will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy in improving the academic quality of Title 1, Part A program participating schools. The Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Survey, is distributed to parents and families, and seeks to identify barriers that inhibit greater participation. The findings will be used to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement and the policy will be revised as necessary.
- Weslaco ISD will ensure that information related to school and parent/family programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/families in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.
- Weslaco ISD will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds under this part, childcare, home visits, as such services relating to parental engagement.
- Weslaco ISD will provide assistance to families in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, how to monitor a child's progress, and how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children. ESSA Section 1116(e)(1) Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
  - District and Campus STAAR Meetings
  - Reports Cards
  - Progress reports
  - Individualized student report card regarding their child's performance on the State Assessment.
- Weslaco ISD will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools to plan and implement effective parental engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance through district wide monthly topics. Parents will have the opportunity to attend meetings on the following topics:
  - STAAR
  - Six Weeks Report Card
  - Progress Report Card
  - Campus Title 1, Part A Meetings
  - District Parent Orientation
  - Campus Parent Orientation
  - Parent Portal
  - STARR Report Cards
  - Student Reading Levels/Importance of Reading
  - Learning Loss
  - Attendance
  - Bullying
  - Campus Safety Precautions
  - Information on the Pandemic - CDC
  - Drug Prevention & Intervention
  - Core Academics Literacy & Strategies
  - Nutrition

- Financial Planning
- College & Career Readiness
- Dual Enrollment/TSI Testing
- Leader In Me
- Mental Health Awareness
- Technology
- District GED Classes through South Texas College
- District ESLClasses through South Texas College
- District Continuing Education Classes through South Texas College
- Community Resources
- Inform parents of all the different resources available to keep them informed and stay connected to the district and their campus.
- Weslaco ISD will schedule parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which the compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held as follow:
  - Parent-Teacher conferences are held annually, occurring after the completion of the first grading periods.
  - Additional conferences may be arranged by contacting the teacher.
- Weslaco ISD shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs, including public school preschool programs, and conduct other activities such as parent resource centers.
- Weslaco ISD shall educate teachers, specialized instruction support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents/families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between the parents and the school.
  - Staff development is provided to each campus parental specialist to ensure best practices for family engagement.
  - WISD recognizes National Parental Day in November and National Volunteer Appreciation Week in April to emphasize the importance of partnerships between school and home.
  - Parental staff members meet with district and campus staff to communicate the importance of family engagement.
  - Provide parents reasonable access to campus administration, faculty, and staff. Staff must be accessible and responsive during remote learning.
  - Parents may contact the school at any time to arrange consultation with their child's classroom teacher.
  - Conferences may occur before, during, or after the school day via phone, email, virtually or in person when appropriate.
  - Provide parents opportunities to volunteer in their child's school.

**ACCESSIBILITY 1118(f) (Required)**

In carrying out the parent and family engagement requirements Weslaco ISD shall provide full

opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including information and school reports in a format and to the extent practical, in a language parents can understand.

**ADOPTION (Required)**

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy was revised in May 2021 by the Weslaco ISD Parent and Family Engagement staff and the District Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and will be in effect during the 2021-2022 school year.