

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

Rockdale Elementary School 2021-2022

Rockdale Elementary School encourages, supports, and values the participation and involvement of parents and families in the educational experience of their children. The Rockdale Elementary school recognizes each parent as their child's first teacher and acknowledges the powerful influence of parents on their child's life. RES shall develop a family-friendly school starting with the office staff and administration, and programs that welcome and serve parents and families in positive and supportive environment. Students learn best when families and the school work together and develop relationships of shared responsibility and mutual support.

PART I. General Expectations • Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA. • Notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. This policy can be found on the Rockdale ISD website: www.rockdaleisd.net.

- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition: Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including 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; (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA. PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS 1. Rockdale Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:

- An annual meeting of campus education council which includes teachers, parents, community members, and the campus principal will be held to review and revise the parental involvement policy. The campus welcomes volunteers and parent participation on this committee.

Rockdale Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

Input from the district parental involvement committee will be utilized at the campus level with campus committees. The committees will work to improve parental and community involvement and support the school improvement process. Meetings will be advertised in the newspaper, on the radio, and through the RISD notification system.

Rockdale Elementary School will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will hold 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, by: Notifying of all parent involvement opportunities utilizing School Messenger notification system, email, newsletters, Tiger Tales, RES Facebook page and teacher web pages. Representatives from Rockdale Elementary School will be present at each PTO meeting for improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. Parents will be asked to participate in a parent involvement survey each year to guide future policy decisions.

Rockdale Elementary School will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the Amplify or CIRCLE assessments by: Distributing to each student and parent the results of their performance on the Amplify or CIRCLE assessments. Parents are encouraged to request a meeting to explain Amplify or CIRCLE assessments.

Rockdale Elementary School will provide materials and specific training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. Annual GT/Dyslexia/ESL Nights, Math/Science and/or Family Reading Nights. Parents and community members are always welcome at our school. By making suggestions to improve our schools and by working together, we can make all the students in our school successful learners.

We will work to build these ties by: Inviting and communicating with the community and parents through PTO, CEC, SHAC committees.

Discretionary School Parental Involvement Policy Components The Rockdale Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy is one that provides many opportunities for parents to be actively involved in their student's education through a variety of activities and strategies such as: Open House, Parent Teacher Conferences, Parent Surveys, PTO Meetings, Book Fair, School volunteer.

Campus Education Council Part IV. Adoption This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by meeting agendas, sign-in sheets and minutes. This policy was adopted by the Rockdale ISD in May 2021 during a Parental Involvement meeting and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before the beginning of the school year.