

Parent & Family Engagement Program 2023-2024

What is it?

Rockdale Elementary School is committed to our vision: Empower and challenge all students to achieve personal excellence for college and career success. We strive to provide high-quality education individualized for each student by developing and maintaining relationships with families and the community. One way we continue to do this is by participating in the Title I, Part A State Program. This program provides funding for low socioeconomic schools. In return, we promise to meet the expectations laid out for us by the Texas Education Agency and the United States Department of Education.

Funding

Title I funds will be allocated for the implementation of the parent and family engagement program. Such programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

Review

All use of funding and activities can be reviewed by the Texas Education Agency upon request to ensure they meet the needs of the PFE Program.

Family Meetings

Parent Meetings offer a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will always take place in the conference room. You can enter through the main entrance facing W. Belton Street. The information is the same for both coordinating meetings and will be offered both in person as well as virtually via Google Meets. Different meeting times are offered for family convenience. Beginning in September RES will hold family meetings as follows:

- > The first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. (prior to virtual PTO meeting)
- > The first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

How to be involved

- Become a member of the RES Engagement Team by attending monthly meetings to provide input
- > Attend the meeting above and the family trainings/activities below
- > Talk to your child's teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom via their classroom phone number or their email.
- > If you do not know your child's teacher's classroom phone number or their email, contact the school office at 512.430.6030

Family Trainings/Activities Family trainings are opportunities for family members to learn new knowledge and skills from other parents, community members, and educators. The schedule and locations listed below are subject to change. Any changes made will be communicated via the call out system, emails, and on our school website.

Meet the Teacher

o Date & Time: Friday, August 4th at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

- Location: Rockdale Elementary School (enter main entrance on W. Belton)
- Other info: This will be a come and go event

> Understanding Standardized Report Cards

- o Dates & Times:
 - Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. Enjoy donuts and coffee with the principal!
 - Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a light snack with the principal!
- o Location: Rockdale Elementary School (enter main entrance on W. Belton)

> Parent-Teacher Conferences (all grade levels; can be conducted in person or virtual)

- o Dates & Times: You will sign up for a time with our child's teacher sometime between September 18 September 29
- o Location: Rockdale Elementary School (enter main entrance on W. Belton)

Understanding Foundational Reading and Writing Skills

- o Dates & Times:
 - Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Bring a brown sack lunch and eat with the principal.
- o Location: Rockdale Elementary School (enter main entrance on W. Belton)

> Trunk-or-Treat: Annual Title I Meeting

- o Dates & Times:
 - Monday, October 30th at 12:00 p.m. at RISD Conference Center (enter at 1205 Murray Avenue)
 - Tuesday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m. at Tiger Stadium Parking Lot
- Other info: information is the same for both meetings

> Understanding Assessments at the Primary Level

- o Dates & Times:
 - Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy Christmas cookies and punch with the principal
 - Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy Christmas cookies and punch with the principal
- o Location: Rockdale Elementary School (enter main entrance on W. Belton)
- > January May Trainings/Events will be announced via callout, email and on the website ASAP

Please fill out this survey to help us meet your needs for other trainings. 2023-2024 Family Training Request Form

Curriculum

Rockdale Elementary School utilizes a high-quality curriculum that supports student success.

Forms of Academic Assessments

Rockdale Elementary School has common formative assessments that every teacher gives. No matter the teacher, each child is assessed via the same assessment provided by Amplify, CIRCLE, Renaissance STAR Reading/Math, running records, and ESGI.

Expected
Achievement
levels on academic
assessments

Rockdale Elementary School tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above). Each child has a folder where teachers help them track their own learning growth.

Ways to Request regular meetings

Guardians can bring any suggestions, ideas, or concerns to the monthly parent meetings listed above. However, if they need to meet with the administrators or their child's teacher at another time, they can email that individual person, or call the campus office at 512.430.6030.

	The School's Responsibilities	The Guardian's Responsibilities	The Student's Responsibilities	On-Going Communication
School-Parent Compact	Provide high- quality curriculum and instruction focused on differentiation for the growth of every student. A plethora of opportunities for guardians and families to volunteer in the school and classrooms. Opportunities for guardians and families to participate in the decisions regarding the education and use of extracurricular time for their children. Hold an open mindset. Be team oriented.	 Support their child's learning at home through dialog, homework, and setting a positive example. Participate in parent meetings where decisions regarding the education and use of extracurricular time will be discussed. Participate in parent meetings and trainings/activities when able. Hold an open mindset. Be team oriented. 	 Be open and honest when needing help regarding learning. Act appropriately and do not disrupt the learning environment. Strive to grow. Hold a growth mindset. Be team oriented. 	 Parent-Teacher Conferences. Monthly parent meetings, trainings, and activities offered at different times on different days. Progress reports every three weeks.