

Parent and Community Engagement Summary

San Elizario ISD takes pride in involving parents and the community in the education of all students. The district strives to achieve family and community partnerships that positively impact the success of all students. Positive parental and community involvement experiences help to improve school climate and the campus educational mission. An increase in parental involvement and volunteerism additionally correlates to higher student academic achievement. Another important component of parental involvement is the greater opportunity for school staff to identify and provide our families with relevant services and resources that match their needs and effectively decrease educational barriers for our students.

The San Elizario ISD Family and Community Involvement Plan is based on a framework through which families, educators, and communities can work together to improve teaching and learning. The parent involvement provisions in Title One, Part A relative to the San Elizario Independent School District consolidated application reflects shared accountability between schools and families. San Elizario ISD utilizes a parental involvement plan, which addresses local needs, and builds parents' capacity to improve their own children's academic achievements. The district surveys parents at least annually on the effectiveness of parent and community engagement. San Elizario ISD will continue to employ personnel and allocate resources to implement and support the family and community involvement plan in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The position of a District Parent Liaison was approved and that position was implemented beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. Campuses also hired their own Parent Liaison positions. In addition, the school district will continue including parents and community members in the development of the district and campus improvement plans, District Advisory Team (DAT), Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), and any other planning committee. Also, provides opportunities for parents to interact and network with other parents interested in supporting the district.

The Superintendent recognizes the importance of having direct communication with parents, family, and community members. Therefore, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, the "Mission: Progressing Together" monthly meetings have been implemented. During these meetings, the parents and community members are presented with updates on district initiatives, assessment information, calendars of upcoming activities district-wide, etc. The Superintendent is present to conduct a Q&A session for individuals who have questions regarding the district. Meetings are held in the morning and on some afternoons to accommodate all schedules. Recordings of the meetings are also sent out via the district's SMORE newsletter.

Notably, these meetings feature direct collaboration with the City of San Elizario. Each meeting has a "district" component, highlighting school district activities, and a "city" component, featuring city business and will be led by San Elizario's new Mayor, Isela Reyes. The meetings had been led in the past by the previous Mayor, Antonio Araujo.

Parent and Community Engagement Strengths:

- Employment of a full-time, district-level Parent Liaison beginning in 2018-2019 (an additional Parent Liaison was added at the high school in 2021-2022).
- Parent/Community Involvement in district-level committees to include the District Advisory Team (DAT), Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC), Migrant Parent Advisory Council (MPAC), and the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC).
- Social Workers are employed by the district to help with the coordination of parent/community involvement in schools, and meeting needs of students through various programs and referral sources (Transition, Foster, At-Risk).

- Documented Parental Involvement/Volunteer Hours and activities at all campuses in the district, with recognition of volunteers who log the most hours at the annual parent volunteer luncheon.
- Collaboration with partners in education to include Aid for the Needy, Aliviane, Abundant Church, Operation School Bell, Project Bravo, Organización Progresiva de San Elizario, San Jacinto Adult Learning Center (El Paso ISD), Border Patrol, Clint unit and the ESC-Region 19 Parent Involvement Network.
- Health, Wellness, and Mental Health education classes for parents
- Elementary and Primary Campuses have Book-of-the-Month and Parent Literacy Sessions AM/PM once a month.
- Middle School - Literacy Nights (Fall/Spring)
- Latino Literacy Events
- Class Dojo communication with parents
- Elementary Campuses/Middle School - STEM Nights and Math Nights
- Districtwide - GT Family Nights
- Literacy FUNdamentals Newsletter (bi-monthly)
- Districtwide – Informative parent meetings
- Campus-based electronic newsletters
- Primary/Elementary - Mother/Son Father/Daughter Dances
- High School - FAFSA Night
- Districtwide – Military Family Night
- Coffee with the Principal events
- Comic Con
- Events to include Rose Ceremony, Homecoming Events, Thanksgiving Lunches, Athletics Events
- SEISD is currently seeking designation for military connected families. Alarcon Elementary and Garcia Enriquez Middle School reapply for a purple star designation for the school year 2023-2024.
- Parent Portal