



## **Weslaco Independent School District**

### **Title 1 Part A, Parent, and Family Engagement District Policy**

#### **2023-2034**

#### **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 quality education in a safe environment that enables them to strive to their fullest potential. In addition, Weslaco Independent School District is committed to collaborating with the community to meet the needs of students and families. We seek 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 engage in school planning activities and to foster exceptional community service, open communication, and positive collaboration for student success.

#### **Statement of Purpose**

Weslaco Independent School District is committed to working together with all parents, families, students, and the community to provide high-quality, engaging, and innovative programs to strengthen academic achievement and success. One way we continue to do this is by participating in the Title 1, 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. Therefore, Weslaco Independent School District is committed to the following:

- Include the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.
- Parents are encouraged to actively participate in their children's education at school and 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 Independent School District will collaborate with parents and families to develop the District Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan.
  - Weslaco Independent School District jointly approves the District Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan at the District Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings.
- Weslaco Independent School District will involve parents of children served under Title 1, Part A in deciding how Title 1, and Part A funds are spent (campus Title 1, Part A meetings).
  - Title 1, Part A district and campus meetings are scheduled on different dates and times to allow parents to choose a time that works best for them.
- Weslaco Independent School District will jointly develop/revise with parents the district parent and family engagement policy distribute it to parents of participating students and make it available to the community.
- Weslaco Independent School District 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. In addition to the Title 1 Survey, at the end of each meeting, parents will have the opportunity to fill out a survey to voice their concerns.



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Parents are always welcome to submit a request or voice a concern at the Parent & Family Engagement Office.

- Weslaco Independent School District 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 Independent School District will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide a home visit if a parent is not able to participate.
- Weslaco Independent School District will assist 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 cards regarding their child's performance on the State Assessment.
  - Information is also posted on the District Website.
- Weslaco Independent School District campus meetings are planned by the campus parent specialist and campus parent liaison. Meetings and activities should be meaningful and based on the school's needs assessment for the improvement of student academics and compliance with Title I-A requirements.
- Weslaco Independent School District 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. Some of the topics include but are not limited to:

STAAR	Six Weeks Report Card/Progress Report Card	College & Career Readiness
Campus Title 1 Meetings	Bullying	Dual Enrollment/TSI Testing
District & Campus Parent Orientation	Campus Safety Precautions	Leader In Me
Parent Portal	Special Education Services	Mental Health Awareness
STAAR Report Cards	Drug Prevention & Intervention	Technology
Student Reading Levels	Literacy & Core Academic Strategies	District Active Shooter Training
Learning Loss	Nutrition	Continuing Education Courses through South Texas College
Attendance	Financial Planning	Community Resources



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- Weslaco Independent School District shall provide materials and training to parents to help parents work with their children to improve their academic achievement.
- Weslaco Independent School District will schedule parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which the compact will be discussed regarding the individual child's achievement.
  - Parent-teacher conferences are held annually, occurring after completing the first grading period.
  - A conference may be scheduled at any time throughout the school year. Please contact your child's teacher or administrator.
- To the extent feasible and appropriate, Weslaco Independent School District shall coordinate and integrate parental involvement activities with preschool programs and other activities such as parent resource centers.
- Weslaco Independent School District shall educate teachers, specialized instruction support personnel, principals, 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.
  - Weslaco Independent School District 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.
  - Parents may contact the school anytime to arrange a consultation with their child's classroom teacher.
  - Parental staff members will notify and recruit parents to participate in the district parent advisory council (PAC) and other committees/councils to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement.
  - Weslaco Independent School District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs. Some events include but are not limited to:
    - Back to School Bash
    - Presentations at the District and Campus level
    - In His Image Uniform Bank
    - In His Steps Shoe Bank
    - Weslaco Alfresco
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- Conferences may occur before, during, or after the school day via phone, email, virtually, or in person when appropriate.
- Parents may volunteer at their child's school. For more information please contact the parent specialist from your campus.





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**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 2023 by the Weslaco ISD Parent and Family Engagement staff and the District Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and will be in effect during the 2023-2024 school year.

