

Northside Elementary School

2023-2024 Parent Engagement Policy

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What is it?	Northside Elementary School is committed to our vision: Northside Elementary will provide a quality education that focuses on high expectations, instills a sense of worth, and unveils the unique abilities in all Northside Elementary scholars. We strive to provide high-quality education individualized for each student by developing and maintaining relationships with families and the community. We continue to do this 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.
Expectations & Objectives	<p>Parents and families are a child's first teacher. They imitate you from the moment they are born. Therefore, a mutually beneficial relationship between school and home is in the best interest of every child. The expectation of our PFE Program is to foster communication and decision-making with parents about student performance and to collaboratively support learning. Our objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Effective two-way communication between school and home is linked to a higher completion rate on homework, better attention during instructional tasks, increased participation by all parties, and improved interactions and relationships between parents, teachers, and students. ➤ If a child's parents are more involved in school experiences, the child is more likely to have higher grades, improved behavior, better attendance, higher social skills, and adaption. ➤ Learning together leads to a better school and home life. ➤ Being a life-long learner can prevent some health issues that often occur later in life.
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 the 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.
Northside Elementary will:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Create a Parent Advisory Board on which parents will be included. This board will plan, develop, evaluate, and revise support and school improvement plans. ➤ Hold regular meetings where the Parent Advisory Board will seek input of families, community members and educators. ➤ Distribute the PFE Policy, this document, to parents and the communities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Posting it on our district website, and keeping it up to date

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Distributing printed copies to local businesses ○ Distributing printed copies and QR codes to the electronic version at all the school's annual meetings ○ Have a representative at every school's annual Title I meeting ○ Have a representative at every school PFE event ○ Per request, provide the qualifications of a child's teacher ○ Conduct evaluations of every PFE event at each school, collect that data, and give a report that the school ○ Assist schools in the evaluation and revision of their PFE policy and school-parent compact ○ Evaluate the District Parent and Family Program and its policy throughout the year and revise it as needed ○ Provide training to every district employee on the most effective PFE strategies <p>Please fill out this survey to help us meet your needs for other training. GOOGLE FORM LINK</p>
Family Meetings	<p>Parent Meetings offer a time for the school and family to communicate necessary information. These meetings will always take place in the cafeteria. You can enter through the campus's main entrance. 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.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The first Wednesday of the first week of each month at 3:00 p.m. (Sep. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th, Jan. 10th, Feb. 7th, Mar. 6th, April 3rd, May 8th)</p>
How to be involved	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Become a member of the Parent Advisory Committee (FAC) by attending one of our monthly meetings.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Attend the meetings above and the family training days/activities.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your child's teacher about how to help/volunteer in the classroom via their Class Dojo or via their email.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If you do not know your child's teacher's Class Dojo Code or their email, verify the campus website or contact the school at (281) 592-4628.</p>
Family Training, Events, and Activities	<p>Family meetings and training days are opportunities for family members to come 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 Class Dojo system and on our school's social media sites (Tweeter and Facebook).</p> <p>➤ August</p> <p>Meet the Teacher: Parents have the opportunity to meet the teacher and drop off supplies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date & Time: Thursday, August 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Location: Northside Elementary ○ Other info: Meet the Principal (Popcorn will be provided to students and parents)

➤ **September**

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting

- Date & Time: Tuesday, September 12th at 5:00 p.m. Location: NSE Cafeteria
- Date & Time: Thursday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m. Location: NSE Cafeteria

Title I Parent Meeting

- Date & Time: Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30 p.m. Location: NSE Cafeteria
- Date & Time: Thursday, September 14th at 5:30 p.m. Location: NSE Cafeteria

Open House/Scholastic Book Fair

- Date & Time: Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00-7:00 p.m. Location: NSE Cafeteria
- Date & Time: Thursday, September 14th at 6:00-7:00 p.m. Location: NSE Cafeteria

Grandparents Luncheons/Scholastic Book Fair

- Date & Time: Week of September 11th-14th. Location: NSE Cafeteria

➤ **October**

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

- Dates & Times: You will sign up for a time with our child's teacher sometime between October 2nd - 31st
Location: Example School meeting rooms and/or classrooms (Enter through the main door)

Parent Volunteer Orientation & Training

➤ **November**

Veteran's Day Program

Thanksgiving Luncheon

➤ **December**

Fall Family Academic Night

Holiday Family Night

➤ **January - May**

Trainings and Events will be announced via callouts, email, or on the campus website ASAP.

Curriculum	Northside Elementary School utilizes a high-quality curriculum that supports student success. This curriculum is written by Cleveland ISD. It follows a detailed scope and sequence that encourages the engagement and growth of our differentiated student population. More information is available upon request.			
Forms of Academic Assessments	Northside Elementary School has common formative assessments that every teacher gives in grades 3rd - 5th.. No matter the teacher, each child is assessed via the same assessment provided by TEKS Resource System which models each assessment after the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR test. Previous STAAR tests are released and utilized for assessment and instruction in addition to other curriculums.			
Expected Achievement levels on academic assessments	<p>The State's Performance Standards can be found on this website: https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/staar/staar-performance-standards</p> <p>Northside Elementary School tracks each child's growth throughout the year via local assessments (mentioned above). Each child has a fo-lder where teachers help them track their own learning growth.</p>			
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. We welcome any ideas, feedback, and concerns as we want our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and welcome.			
School-Parent Compact	The School's Responsibilities	The Guardian's Responsibilities	The Student's Responsibilities	On-Going Communication
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Provide curriculum and instruction of high-quality designed to help students meet state academic standards. □ We'll keep parents informed of their child's progress through reports, conferences, samples, and updates. If we notice any issues, we'll contact parents right away. □ Set high expectations for staff, students, and parents by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ensure my child attends school daily and on time. □ Establish consistent routines to support child's academic success, including regular bedtime, attendance, and home reading. □ Help my child understand how success in school can impact your life.Support my child with daily reading and homework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Engage in daily reading and complete homework. □ Be responsible for giving my family members all information sent home from school and vice-versa. □ Come prepared for school by bringing all necessary supplies. □ Adhere to adult directives and follow all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Parent-Teacher Conferences. □ Monthly parent meetings, training, and activities offered at different times on different days. □ 1 progress report and 1 report card every 9 weeks (marking period).

	<p>committing to recruit, retain, and train qualified staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Provide parents with reasonable access to staff (ex. through phone, Dojo, email or parent-teacher conferences, etc.) during their specified conference time or at an alternate time mutually convenient to the parent and the teacher. ☐ Give parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom throughout the school year, based on grade level or Parent & Family Engagement (PFE) committees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Stay up-to-date on my child's education by reading school notices received through various channels. ☐ Provide volunteer time to the school during the school year. 	<p>classroom and campus procedures and expectations.</p>	
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